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School's joy at improved report from watchdog

The mayor cuts the ribbon to officially open the new Early Years Foundation Stage outdoor play facility at St. Richard's RC primary watched by pupils, teacher Emma James and Amy Morgan and chair of governors Paul Rowan.

Mayor opens school's transformed playground

PLAYTIMES have never been more fun for youngsters at a Skelmersdale primary school following the opening of a new playground.

The facility at St Richard's Catholic Primary in Sandy Lane was officially opened by the Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Nikki Hennessy.

The formerly basic playground area has been transformed to include a new slide, tunnel, sensory area, places for planting, a large sandpit for digging and artificial grass, which can be used throughout the year.

The work was done over a four-week period and children from the school, mainly those from the early years, helped to design the playground.

Emma James, a teacher at St Richard's, said: "The pupils wanted a climbing frame, and a tunnel building as well, while the teachers wanted the pupils to have an area where they could learn growth motor skills at a fixed facility where we didn't constantly have to move objects.

"The parents love the area and the children have been going home saying how much they enjoy going outside and using the playground."

COUNCIL CHIEFS HIT BACK OVER TV PROGRAMME

Report by **Henry James**

Artist accused of painting an inaccurate picture of town in Channel 4 documentary

A DOCUMENTARY filmed in Skelmersdale and presented by cross-dressing artist Grayson Perry did not paint an accurate picture of the town, says West Lancs Council leader, Councillor Ian Moran.

The programme, broadcast on Channel 4 last Thursday (May 12) was part of a series entitled All Man aimed at exploring the meaning of masculinity in the contemporary world.

It featured Perry accompanying police on drug raids and interviewing local youths in Digmoor and highlighted the rivalry between the estate and neighbouring Tanhouse.

Following his visit to the town the artist created a tapesty of Digmoor and a sculpture of a man with knives protruding from it which he called The King of Nowhere and was, he said, inspired by the youths of the Digmoor estate.

However, Cllr. Moran, claimed the programme failed to show the positive aspects of Skelmersdale.

He said: "This programme doesn't paint an accurate picture of Skelmersdale as a whole. I live in Skelmersdale and I am proud to come from the town.

"I would have hoped that the programme could have shown many of the more positive aspects of the town, including the great community spirit there and the large number of schemes and activities set up for young people.

"Skelmersdale is also a great place to do business."

In the documentary, Perry, who has been dressing up as a woman since he was 12, joined police on Operation Nemesis raids against people who had committed drugs offences.

He said: "I came to Skelmersdale to see what the battle between cops and criminals can tell us about men today."

Describing Digmoor as a "crime-ridden" estate, he also interviewed a group of youths from the area who talked about their "common enemy", the residents of neighbouring Tanhouse.

Perry was also critical of the authorities, commenting: "The authorities are just putting a sticking plaster on the problem. They are not looking at what these lads need."

Comparing the town to its portrayal in a 1971 promotional film produced by the Skelmersdale Development Corporation, he said "that utopian vision has been scuppered" and added: "I came here expecting to see hoodies, gangs and police, but it is much messier."

Commenting on their role in the programme, Lancashire's deputy chief constable, Andy Rhodes, said it was "a unique opportunity for the constabulary."

He added: "We worked with the production company Swan Films by giving them access to our successful Nemesis Team, which deals with drugs and gang offenders in South Division, but the main focus

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New awards scheme launched to mark canal's bicentenary

by **Danielle Thompson**

A NEW awards scheme has been launched to help mark the 200th anniversary of the completion of the Leeds-Liverpool Canal.

The scheme to celebrate the iconic waterway, which passes through much of West Lancashire, is being organised by the Canal & River Trust.

Nominations are invited for special prizes to recognise the best environment, education and conservation projects, the most dedicated volunteers, and enterprising businesses.

The trust's North West Waterway, which cares for the canal, is also introducing inaugural awards for two categories which will continue to be presented annually – the Waterway Manager's Outstanding Contribution Award and the Waterway Partnership Chair's Award, open to groups and individuals who work in the community.

The closing date for nominations is August 12 and the awards will be presented at a glittering ceremony in October in Blackburn.

Chantelle Seaborn, the trust's North West Waterway Manager, said: "The bicentenary of the Leeds & Liverpool Canal is a very special date for a very special waterway. All through 2016, the trust, along with dozens of groups, organisations and societies, are marking the year with festivals and events.

Chantelle Seaborn and partnership chairman Bob Pointing launch the new awards

"So many wonderful people and organisations have helped to conserve, promote and improve the brilliant waterway we see today. We thought it was right, that in the year when the canal comes under the spotlight, we should mark their contribution and say 'thank-you'.

"We hope everyone who has engaged with the canal in a positive way will put themselves forward and enter one of the award categories."

For more details of the award categories and how to enter email sarah.knight@canalrivertrust.org.uk or visit the website www.canalrivertrust.org.uk.

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Online pharmacy has the recipe for international success

Gillibrands company earns place in league table of country's top 100 small business exporters

AN online pharmacy business based in Skelmersdale and only founded in 2001 now has export figures of £4.1m.

And Chemist 4 U, which is based at Greenhey Place, East Gillibrands, is now listed for the first time in the second annual Sunday Times Heathrow SME Export Track 100 league table.

This ranks the top British private small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) with the fastest-growing international sales. The Skelmersdale company is ranked 47th.

Managing director Shamir Patel took his Lancashire pharmacy online in 2011, and it now dispatches 16,000 products - ranging from prescriptions to vitamin tablets to treatments for hair loss and bad breath - every day.

Strong demand in Germany and Denmark boosted exports to £4.1m last year.

The company had an annual international sales growth over two years of 66%, total sales of £16.9m, and employs 48 staff

The 10 companies in the Export Track 100 based in the North West of England (the same number as last year) include seven new entrants to the league table.

They have made a strong contribution to the local economy. Their international sales have grown by an average of 49% a year over the last two years to a total of £74m and together they now employ more than 1,100 people.

Shamir Patel, managing director at Chemist 4U with James O'Loan from the company

The league table reflects the importance of Europe to Britain's SME exporters, with 80 of the companies selling to the continent, the most popular market, followed by North America (71) and Asia (45).

The table is sponsored by Heathrow Airport and supported by the government's Exporting is GREAT campaign. It is compiled by Fast Track, an Oxford-based research and networking events firm.

John Holland-Kaye, chief executive of Heathrow Airport, headline sponsor of the league table, commented: "For many small businesses exporting starts with a single box on a plane, not a container on a ship.

"As Britain's biggest port by value Heathrow recognises the significant economic contribution that SMEs make to the UK through international trade. That's why access to the new and growing markets of the world is so important – and why expansion at Heathrow is key, generating £211 billion in economic benefit and 180,000 jobs across the whole of the UK."

Coral McGlone (front right) with veterinary staff from Medivet practices from across the North West at the top of Mount Snowdon with their foam rhino

Coral's peak performance in aid of endangered rhinos

A VETERINARY nurse has put her best foot forward to raise funds for a campaign which aims to prevent rhinos from becoming extinct.

Coral McGlone, 26, from Ormskirk Road, Up Holland was one of a team of four co-workers from Medivet in Orrell Park, Liverpool who joined staff from the company's practices across the North West to take on the highest mountain in Wales at the weekend.

Medivet is a national chain of veterinary practices who are taking on challenges throughout 2016 to raise funds for the Wilderness Foundation Project, a charity initiative which aims to tackle illegal rhino poaching in Africa.

The team completed the ascent and descent of the 1,000-metre Mount Snowdon in less than five hours while carrying a foam rhino jigsaw, which they assembled at the top!

Their efforts raised a total of £730 via online fundraising site, justgiving.com.

Coral told the Champion: "We carried that huge rhino up and down the mountain in pieces and assembled him at the top. The weather was amazing, it was lovely and warm, which was great as we were braced for wind and rain.

"I was very keen to support this charity as it is such an important cause.

"When the rhinos are hunted down, the poachers often don't kill them before they hack off their horn. It's usually blood loss or infection that kills these helpless animals which are left alive to bleed to death. It is so barbaric.

"The funds will go towards training dogs to track rhino poachers in Africa, defending the rhinos with rangers, helping to inform locals with knowledge of how important their conservation is and supporting and treating injured rhinos, including raising orphans."

Jan Marshall, Lathom High School's business manager with the 42nd Ormskirk (Skelmersdale St Paul's) Scout Group

School rewards Scouts for clean-up

A GROUP of Skelmersdale Scouts who have been cleaning up an area between Our Lady Queen of Peace High School and Lathom High have been rewarded for their efforts.

Jan Marshall, Lathom High School's business manager visited the 42nd Ormskirk (Skelmersdale St Paul's) Scout Group to reward each scout with a certificate and a treat for all of their hard work.

The nine-strong group braved unseasonable wintry weather on Tuesday, April 26, to pick up litter in a stretch of woodland between the two schools. The issue was highlighted in the Champion earlier this month.

Lathom headteacher, Jane Galbraith, said: "On behalf of our school community, I would like to express my sincere thanks to Karen Watson and the 42nd Ormskirk (St Paul's) Scout Group for their tremendous efforts in clearing up the footpaths around school as part of the Million Hands Initiative (www.amillionhands.org.uk).

"They have really helped to smarten up the school site and make getting to school easier by clearing the footpath down Summer Street which is part of our new and approved safe walking route to school."

Karen Watson, assistant leader with the 42nd Ormskirk (Skelmersdale St Paul's) Scout group decided to do something to help after hearing about the issue from Linda Bennett, who is a parent governor at Lathom High School.

The scouts had been amazed at the rubbish they found, ranging from a full box of prescription medication to a tub of curry powder!

They also found a bike frame, which caused a lot of discussion as to how it got there and why it hadn't been found sooner.

Firefighters called out to blaze at commercial premises

FIREFIGHTERS attended a blaze at a commercial premises on Greenhey Place, East Gillibrands on Saturday, May 14 at around 2.50pm.

Two appliances, one from Ormskirk and one from Skelmersdale, attended the fire involving the outer wall of the factory building.

Firefighters used one hose reel to extinguish the fire and breathing apparatus.

They then went inside the building wearing breathing apparatus to assess the interior wall and ventilate the property.

Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service said the fire appeared to have spread from a refuse fire outside the property. It also involved some bushes.

Equipment used by firefighters included a thermal imaging camera, dewalt saw, small tools, an aqua pack and a triple extension ladder.

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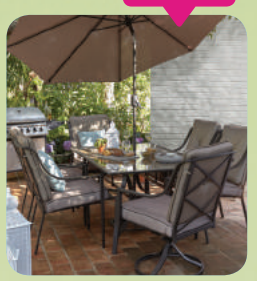

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Consultation to go ahead on future of threatened libraries and children's centres

LANCASHIRE County Council's Cabinet has agreed to seek the public views on cost-cutting proposals which could see three libraries and three children's centres in West Lancashire closed, as reported in last week's Champion.

Report by **Henry James**

Last Thursday (May 12) the authority gave the go-ahead for a 12-week consultation period, beginning on Wednesday, May 18, to invite comments and suggestions about the proposals, before taking a final decision later this year.

Libraries earmarked for closure are Up Holland library at Hall Green, Burscough library in Mill Lane and Parbold library on The Common.

Also facing the axe are St John's Children's Centre in Skelmersdale, Hesketh with Becconsall Children's Centre and Moorgate Children's Centre, Ormskirk.

The Children's Social Care facility at Fairlie, Skelmersdale and Ormskirk's Derby Street Day Centre for older people could also be closed under the proposals.

Lancashire County Council needs to save £200m by 2020/21 as a result of ongoing government cuts to its budget and rising demand for services.

The council wants to change the way frontline services are delivered and save millions of pounds by reducing the number of buildings it owns and rents.

A council spokesman responded: "As part of implementing savings agreed by full council in February, the council is proposing to bring services together to form a network of multi-functional buildings known as Neighbourhood Centres, which would provide a base for a range of different services in one place.

"Meanwhile many buildings would no longer be used and the number of places at which some services are available would reduce."

Leader of the county council, Councillor Jenny Mein, said: "The severity of the county council's financial position cannot be overstated, and the ongoing cuts in central government funding combined with rising demand for our services mean the only way we can maintain the services that people rely on is to deliver them in a different way.

"Whilst people can have a strong connection to individual buildings, our focus has to be on how we deliver our services effectively. Although these proposals are very difficult ones for councillors to have to consider, our aim is to come up with a solution that still gives everyone in Lancashire good access to good services, even though some will have to be further away than they are now.

"They are the result of a lot of hard work to assess where services should be located, taking account of things such as geographic spread, the needs of different communities and access issues such as how easily they can be reached using public transport.

"We're very keen for people to express their views and help shape the final proposals. We'll be holding a comprehensive 12-week consultation to make sure everyone has the chance to tell us what they think, and will have the information people need available at libraries and children's centres throughout Lancashire and online."

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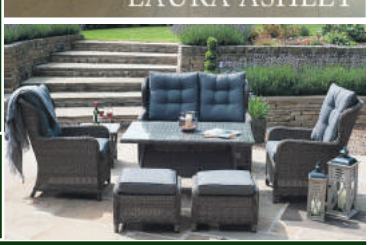

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Youngsters to take part in Skem soccer sessions

Report by **Henry James**

YOUNGSTERS who are aged between 12 and 19 and fancy some free football should come to the Wigan Athletic Community Trust Football 4 All sessions at Glenburn Sports College.

Boys and girls and young men and women aged under 19 can come along every Wednesday between 6pm and 8pm. All abilities can be catered for at the sessions, and those taking part could also play in competitions against other Premier League and football League teams that run similar schemes.

The aim is to encourage more young people to participate in sport, get involved in positive activities and steer them away from youth nuisance and anti-social behaviour.

West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership has worked with the community trust to set up the sessions. There will also be opportunities for volunteers to gain valuable experience by helping to organise the sessions, and to train for official FA qualifications.

For more information on the activities, which have been funded by Sport England Small Grants, call Tom Drake on 01942 488530, email t.drake@wigan-athletic.com or visit www.laticscommunity.org

Councillor Kevin Wright, portfolio holder for community safety, said: "These football sessions sound great so if you are aged between 12 and 19 come along and join in the fun."

Youngsters are being invited to take part in football sessions

Dave Tilleray, chairman on the West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership, added: "I am really pleased the Community Safety Partnership has been able to help secure funding for these new sessions which will help get more young people involved in sport and cut down on anti-social behaviour."

These new evenings are an extension of the Kicks Soccer Project which aimed to stop young people getting involved in crime and anti-social behaviour. Funded through the Home Office, this scheme has more than 100 children aged between eight and 17 regularly enjoy football activities with coaches from Wigan Athletic Community Trust at Skelmersdale Fire Station and the Evermoor Hub.

Skelmersdale Action for Youth (SAY) offered activities to run alongside the sessions. A group of the youngsters represented Wigan Athletic against Everton and 24 of them attended competitions against other kicks projects in Wigan.

For more information visit www.westlancs.gov/wlcsp

Cash boost for band thanks to students

STUDENTS on the Pathways to Adulthood programme at Midstream training centre in Skelmersdale came up with a recipe for success when they raised more than £100 for their chosen charity, Skelmersdale Prize Band.

The students have been learning about 'enterprise' and decided to come up with an enterprise of their own by baking and selling cakes with proceeds going to the band to go towards running costs and much-needed equipment.

And after baking enough cakes to supply two venues - White Moss Investment Centre and The ERooms in Skelmersdale - they were delighted to see so many hungry customers arrive eager to tuck in to their products and raise a total of £113.83.

Midstream students and staff at their fund raising cake sale hosted by West Lancs Investment Centre.

Primary pupils enjoy animal-themed week in honour of naturalist Sir David's 90th birthday

YOUNGSTERS at St James' Catholic Primary School in Ashurst, Skelmersdale enjoyed a week of animal-themed-lessons to mark the 90th birthday of naturalist Sir David Attenborough.

As part of the celebrations at the school, a variety of new pets were brought in to spend days with the children throughout the week.

Pupils enjoyed learning how to properly look after and care for animals. and they had a chance to get up close to a variety of creatures including a pony, guinea pigs, long-eared rabbits, dogs and a 25-year-old cockatiel called Noel!

Headteacher, Dave Iliff, said: "Sir David Attenborough has done so much to educate so many about the natural world, it was only right to mark his 90th birthday in such a fitting way. It was lovely to see how much the children wanted to get up close with the different animals.

"The children have been so excited all week. I can't thank parents and staff enough for allowing their pets to spend a day at St James' and to Mrs Kingsley, our nursery teacher for organising such a wonderful and awe-inspiring week."

Pupils at St James' get up close to a furry friend during their celebrations for the 90th birthday of Sir David Attenborough

The Brownies and Rainbows with the donated dresses

Generous Brownies and Rainbows donate clothes to children in Uganda

A GROUP of local Rainbows and Brownies have donated summer dresses that they have grown out of to an international charity.

Members of the 1st Up Holland groups from Christ Church donated gingham school dresses after hearing about the work volunteer Alex Draycott does for Link International, a charity which aims to give young people from the UK the chance to experience life and work in one of the poorest yet most resourceful countries in the world.

Alex, 18, from Up Holland, has been out to volunteer in Uganda twice with Link International which was set up by St David's college in Lanndudno, a specialist school for pupils with dyslexia and specific learning difficulties, which Alex attends.

Jennifer Shacklady, one of the organisers of the dress collection, said: "On his first visit Alex noticed that the children wore checked uniforms and they were working with street children that could not afford to buy the uniform. So, on the second visit he took out dresses that had been donated and they were used with the Acholi children and street children in Kampala.

"He also took out donated bras to be given to women living in the area.

"The girls donated gingham dresses so that girls in Uganda could wear them to go to school and other church members gave bras to give the Ugandan women a boost in self-esteem and confidence."

Guides district commissioner, Sue Kerrigan said: "I have been overwhelmed by the support we have received. Girlguiding gives girls and young women the chance to have fun, be themselves, build friendships and gain skills in a safe, girl-only space."

For more information about the charity, visit link-international.org.

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Eco-van loan will help hospitals go 'greener'!

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

SOUTHPORT and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust has taken delivery of an eco-vehicle to help reduce fuel emissions around its estate.

The van, which has been loaned to the trust by global resource management company Veolia for a period of four years, was unveiled on Friday, May 13.

The trust has a long-standing partnership with Veolia, which runs combined heat and power (CHP) plants that deliver low-carbon electricity and heat at both Southport and Ormskirk hospital sites.

These enable the trust to generate its own power and even sell any surplus electricity back into the National Grid.

Last year they generated enough power to supply 850 three-bedroomed houses for a whole year.

And they save more than 3,000 tonnes of CO2 emissions annually – equivalent to 2,200 cars.

Using the eco-van is a new step in making hospital day-to-day work more environmentally-friendly. It will be recharged using the low -arbon electricity generated by the trust's CHP plants.

West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper, who attended the handover, said: "It was a real pleasure to join Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust and Veolia at the unveiling of their new eco-van.

"Their joint approach to generating energy from the hospitals' existing activities highlights how innovative and creative solutions can be harnessed to avoid waste and ensure organisations are as environmentally friendly as possible.

West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper joins representatives from Southport and Ormskirk Hospital Trust and Veolia for the handing over of the new eco-van

"Large organisations, such as the hospital trust and Veolia, taking a forward-thinking and responsible attitude to lowering their carbon emissions is an essential contribution to tackling the threats we and future generations face from climate change."

Graham Turton, the trust's energy manager, commented: "We are delighted that Veolia has donated such an environmentally-friendly van to our fleet. We had been using a diesel vehicle but this van means we will have minimal impact on the environment when we travel between sites and around the area to clinics.

"Seven years ago the trust gained the environmental benefits from its own purpose-built energy centre and CHP to enable it to generate its own power. Veolia has helped us reduce our carbon footprint over the years and its loan of this vehicle is another green boost."

And Pat Gilroy, from Veolia, added: "The introduction of this eco-van demonstrates a way of further reducing CO2 emissions in the NHS. Using low-carbon power to recharge the vehicle also helps to reduce climate change and increases sustainability"."

The trust also has two new electric car charging points at Southport Hospital which can be used by the public.

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Charlotte uses her head to raise funds for research into painful condition

WHEN it comes to raising money and awareness of a little-known but painful long-term condition, Charlotte Armstrong believes in using her head - in more ways than one!

For the 43-year-old mum-of-three from Skelmersdale has had her hair shaved in aid of a foundation for research into fibromyalgia.

Charlotte, who was diagnosed with the condition 13 years ago, had her hair cropped down to a No. 3 all over at Lyn's Kutz in Skelmersdale on Wednesday, May 11.

Her own diagnosis came soon after she had some emergency surgery, which she thinks put her central nervous system into some state of permanent shock.

She said: "Since being diagnosed with fibromyalgia, I have learned about the condition and have worked to educate those that have it and their family and friends.

"Raising money for this cause is close to my heart as much more research is needed for this disability. The illness is rarely talked about and is still amazingly misunderstood, I need as many residents as possible to help me collect funds.

"I am raising money for the Fibroduck Foundation because they are pushing for biomedical research to be done in the UK into fibromyalgia.

"They want the people who suffer with fibromyalgia to be a part of the ongoing research.

"We don't want our doctors assuming what is wrong with us. We want them to know.

"We don't want our doctors practising on us with a gazillion different drugs. We want them to have shared and equal knowledge about what works. Eventually we want a cure."

Last Thursday (May 12) Charlotte attended the Fibromyalgia Association's Awareness Day in Manchester.

Report by **Henry James**

"International FMS Awareness Day was brilliant. I had a stall with two friends one of whom is senior admin with FMUKS, which is the support group I'm in on Facebook.

"We sold hand-crafted goods. We had decorated wooden spoons, champagne flutes, t-shirts, calico bags and a load of great raffle items as we were selling raffle tickets. After taking out all the costs, all the monies raised on the day went to the foundation.

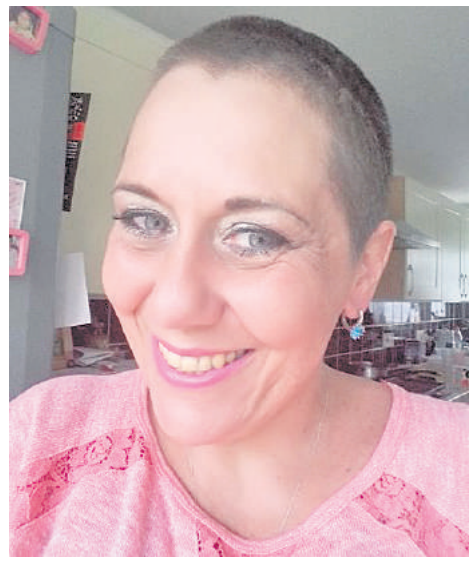
"The foundation organise meet-ups and awareness campaigns. This year we had jewellery, colouring, face painting, chocolate tombola, t-shirts, key rings, wrist bands and so much more at the event to raise money for the foundation and awareness of fibromyalgia and its impact on life.

"I also dressed as a duck and waddled my way up Deansgate - wobbled, limped, tripped a bit - waving a money donation bucket for the foundation."

And Charlotte is getting to like her new streamlined look. "I rather like my new look. It suits me more than I had expected it to. I've certainly not been hiding in the house or covering my head when I go out."

To date she has already raised more than £180 with her head-shave and is hoping to top the £350 mark.

Anyone who would like to donate can do so on her fundraising page at https://crowdfunding.justgiving.com/charlotte-armstrong-Head-Shave.



Charlotte's new look

Charlotte and pal Sarah Davidson in their duck outfits

Council hit back over 'inaccurate' TV portrayal of town

Continued from Page 1

for the programme was masculinity, rather than policing.

"The theme of masculinity and how this links to crime is a valuable area for us given our priorities in terms of issues like domestic abuse and violent crime but the programme offered no surprises. We understand the challenges faced by some young men in our local communities which is why we have adopted an Early Action Approach to crime prevention; intervening at the earliest possible opportunity to try to prevent people either becoming victims of crime or perpetrators."

Meanwhile, the borough council has defended the positive aspects of Skelmersdale.

A spokesman for the authority commented: "Skelmersdale is a great place to do business. 25% of all West Lancashire's businesses are based in Skelmersdale and include well-known names such as Hotter Comfort Concept shoes, PepsiCo Walkers, SCA Hygiene and DHL.

"An increasing number of smaller entrepreneurial businesses are also choosing Skelmersdale as a business base, and overall the town supports 43% of all jobs in West Lancashire making it a major economic driver.

"The council would like to point out that the vast majority of Skelmersdale people are hard-working and proud to live in their town. Each area within Skelmersdale has a thriving community spirit as shown by the success of local community organisations and community events organised by the council and its partners.

"Young people across the town are involved in many positive activities through a number of organisations and venues including Skelmersdale Action for Youth, the Artz Centre in Skelmersdale, uniformed groups and the £2 million West Lancashire Youth Zone."

Residents invited to get on their bikes for Mental Health Awareness Week

RESIDENTS in Skelmersdale are being invited to get on their bikes as part of a 'Cycle against Stigma' campaign to mark Mental Health Awareness Week (May 16 -22).

Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust's Community Restart Team has organised a series of community bike rides, including at Quarry Bank, Skelmersdale on Thursday, May 19, starting at 10.30am.

The aim is to bring people together from local communities to get out and enjoy some exercise, as well as the opportunity to meet new people and show support to reducing stigma around mental health issues.

But if you can't get to one of the events, you can still join in and log your miles whether you've been outside or in the gym and help cycle to reduce stigma.

Gill Parkinson, support, time and recovery worker with the team, said: "We work with service users to support their recovery from mental ill-health.

"One of the areas people find difficult during recovery is getting back into their local communities for fear of people stigmatising their illness and feeling anxious about how they will be treated.

"Mental Health Awareness Week is a great opportunity for us to encourage people to come together, whether they have a mental health issue or not, and let people know its ok to talk about how they're feeling.

"Stigma plays a huge part in why people don't come forward and seek support at the early signs of a problem and that shouldn't be the case.

Gill Parkinson

"The cycle events are a great way for riders of all abilities to have some fun and meet new people. Exercise is a good way to help improve everyone's overall health and wellbeing and we look forward to seeing people at the events."

For more information about Cycle against Stigma and to log your miles contact cycle4MH@btinternet.com or call 01772 773600. You can also tweet us your pictures for cycling against stigma using the hashtag #cycle4MH.

To find out more information about Mental Health Awareness Week visit www.lancashire-care.nhs.uk/Mental-Health-Awareness-Week-2016.

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New interim chief executive named by hospital trust

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

THE Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust have appointed a new interim chief executive as the long-running disciplinary investigations involving senior management officials continue.

Kin Hodgson, who succeeds Ann Marr in the role, previously worked with the trust as cost improvement programme director in 2014 and is familiar with the trust and staff.

She took up the post, initially for a four to six-week period, last Tuesday, May 10, as disciplinary investigations drawing to a conclusion.

Trust chair, Sue Musson, said: "Kim is a nurse by background and brings significant experience working at a senior level in the NHS, including as chief executive for many years.

"Kim had a very positive impact during her previous engagement at the trust, and her knowledge of the organisation will be a great asset."

Ann Marr, who has been acting interim chief executive since August, was originally appointed for a six-month period.

She has also continued in her own post as chief executive at St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and has recently been asked to lead on strategic planning for the wider local area.

Sue Musson added: "It is no longer sustainable for Ann to take on this new role and continue to act as accountable officer for the two trusts. She has therefore taken the understandable decision to return to her own trust.

Kim Hodgson

"However, Ann will continue to be involved with Southport and Ormskirk in her wider strategic role.

"I want to thank Ann Marr for her leadership and commitment over the past nine months. She has made an excellent contribution to the trust, bringing her wealth of experience and commitment to quality and the patient experience.

"I am delighted that the trust will still have the benefit of Ann's leadership and input in developing local sustainability and transformation plans."

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Link bridge to Concourse re-opened after modifications

THE link bridge from Firbeck to the Concourse shopping centre in Skelmersdale re-opened on Tuesday, May 10, following work to modify access to the bridge carried out by contractors on behalf of West Lancashire Borough Council.

A council spokesman commented: "Works have been carried out by our contractor to modify access to the bridge as part of the £8m Firbeck Revival Project.

"This scheme is bringing huge improvements to the estate, including the building of 42 new homes to meet the needs of modern families.

"The works on the bridge were due to finish on Monday, May 9 and have now been completed as programmed. The bridge re-opened on Tuesday, May 10."

The spokesman added: "Lancashire County Council, which is responsible for highways in the borough, is planning to resurface Firbeck Road in August to coincide with the completion of the Firbeck Revival Project.

"The road surface is in poor condition but carrying out work whilst the construction work in Firbeck was in progress could have resulted in extra costs and in view of limitations in public expenditure it was felt better to only incur costs once construction works had finished."

Talented twosome hit the high notes

TWO talented young musicians from Up Holland are celebrating after hitting the high notes in recent exams.

Cornet player Isobel Follin and clarinettist Kieran Evison (above) were among the top 15 candidates in the area in the Associated Board music exams.

Isobel is a Year 4 pupil at St Teresa's Catholic Primary, while Kieran also attended the College Road school before moving to St Peter's Catholic High School in Orrell.

As a result of their achievements the pair were invited to take part in a high achievers concert at Leigh library on Wednesday, May 11.

Pupils at Little Digmoor Community Primary School celebrate their Ofsted success

Teamwork the key to primary school's improved report

A PRIMARY school which had previously been described as requiring improvement by Ofsted inspectors has received a 'good' rating in its latest assessment - thanks to teamwork according to the headteacher.

Report by **Henry James**

Dave Paton, head at Little Digmoor Primary, was delighted with the watchdog's latest findings.

He said: "The report certainly optimises the feel of the school - the success has been a collective effort between staff, governors, parents and the children.

"To be recognised as being outstanding for the behaviour, personal development and welfare of our children, illustrates our commitment to put our children at the heart of all the decisions in school.

"We are all very proud of each other."

The school in Abbeystead was inspected between April 19 and 20 and in personal development, behaviour and welfare was judged to be 'outstanding'.

Inspectors said the school had improved because "leaders and managers have high expectations of staff and pupils. They have established a culture where success is sought, achieved and celebrated."

They also said teaching, learning and assessment are good, and added: "As a result, all pupils, from the least to the most able, disadvantaged or not, are making good progress."

Ofsted reported that teachers at Little Digmoor are "keenly aware" of the need to improve pupils' chances in life.

And they added: "The teachers focus precisely on what each pupil needs to do to achieve well. Staff have risen to the challenges set by the new curriculum. The curriculum is planned well to ensure progress in all subjects."

Ofsted also found that pupils were "thoroughly enjoying school."

And the report also stated: "Pupils are very enthusiastic about learning and keen to do well. Their behaviour is excellent. These are major factors in their rapidly improving progress.

"Pupils care for, trust and respect each other, adults and the school environment. They have a strong sense of fair play and are very proud of their achievements."

The inspectors also believed that pupils' welfare and well-being is given high priority and the report commented: "Pupils feel safe, they are safe, and they know how to keep themselves safe."

Pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development was found to be "excellent" while "the teaching of British values is an integral part of the curriculum."

Parents judged to be "satisfied" with the school and staff morale was described as "high."

However, thr school just missed out on an 'excellent' rating becuase the report found that "relatively speaking weak spelling, punctuation and grammatical skills continue to hold writing back."

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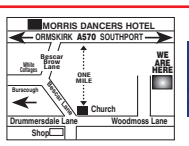

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Borough GPs lead way on switch to e-prescriptions

PATIENTS in West Lancashire can now order their prescriptions electronically thanks to a scheme which, it's claimed, offers faster and more convenient services and greater choice.

The borough is one of the first areas in the country where every GP practice has switched on the NHS Electronic Prescription Service, removing the need for the traditional green paper prescription for local patients.

All 22 GP practices within the NHS West Lancashire CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group) area have gone 'live' with the time-saving electronic service and can now digitally send prescriptions direct to pharmacies.

It is believed this will speed up the process and give patients across Ormskirk and Skelmersdale areas access to new services, including home delivery pharmacies.

Phil Day, clinical governance pharmacist at Pharmacy2U, which assisted the NHS in its first electronic prescription pilot programme and is the largest NHS contracted pharmacy, said: "The West Lancashire NHS area is leading the way with electronic prescriptions and is one of the first in the country to make the service available to all patients.

Phil Day at Pharmacy2U

"The move to e-prescriptions makes the process quicker and easier and is giving patients a lot more choice – such as a pharmacy closer to where they work or a home delivery service like ours."

Pharmacy2U's NHS Repeat Prescription Service allows people to order prescriptions by phone, email or online, and then have their medication delivered for free to their home, workplace or any other UK address of their choice.

Telephone medication advice is available from a team of pharmacists and a free reminder service is also provided so patients don't need to worry about running out of medicines.

"Our NHS repeat prescription service can be a useful option for those who don't find a traditional high-street pharmacy a convenient choice," explained Phil. "It's proving popular in West Lancashire, particularly for people who work long hours, the elderly and housebound, and busy commuters who want to save time."

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Martin Mere news

Weeds are in hot water at WWT Martin Mere

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The innovative Cardley-Wave system uses no chemicals but instead sprays hot water on to weeds and mosses to kill them organically. Reserve Manager, Tom Clare, said: "I am absolutely delighted that WWT are leading the way in controlling invasive species through this method. The hot water system can be applied accurately to the weed, killing it in a way that has no negative impact on our water, environment or wildlife."

Cardley-Wave equipment is used widely across Europe in cities to keep streets clean, but WWT Martin Mere has been the first nature reserve in England to purchase this equipment and benefit from this sustainable solution.

Tom continues: "At Martin Mere we have to control non-native invasive species such as crassula, injurious weeds like creeping thistle and docks as well as other species which may be undesirable in certain locations e.g. nettles and moss. As a result of human activities and changes in climatic regimes, species are being introduced to and colonising new areas around the world more rapidly than ever before. These species are termed 'Invasive Non-Native Species', and wetlands are particularly severely affected. This new equipment will ensure we can control these with no ill-effects to the environment."

The Cardley-Wave Mid-Series 22/8 basically comprises a pump and water heater. It is transported from site to site on the back of a truck, or trailer, which also carries a large water tank. The water heater can be set to deliver either hot water or steam via a hose that can be fitted with a range of attachments to suit the task at hand. Weeds can be soaked over a period of time to totally kill the toughest varieties but smaller weeds can be seen wilting after one treatment.

Josh Sweeney, Group Marketing Manager at Cardley-Wave "I attended the first and only demonstration of our system at Martin Mere, the last time I was there was on a school trip, so it is really pleasing to see the operation embrace an environmentally friendly alternative to weed control which goes to show the unit's overall effectiveness. The fact the guys have also maximised utilisation with additional attachments such as the water pump and drain jetter into addition to gum and general high pressure cleaning means downtime should be more or less eliminated."

WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre is open every day (except Christmas Day) from 9.30am to 6pm during winter months and parking is free of charge. Situated off the A59, it is signposted from the M61, M58 and M6. The Centre is also accessible via the Southport to Manchester and the Liverpool to Preston line by train from Burscough Rail Stations. Visit the web site http://www.wwt.org.uk/martinmere/ to find out what's on all year round at Martin Mere and the other eight WWT Wetland Centres.

Visit the web site www.wwt.org.uk/martinmere to find out what's on the reserve at the moment as well as all the upcoming events

Champion LETTERS to the Editor

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We must all support junior doctors to protect NHS for future generations

IN her letter to the Champion (May 4), Donna Hodson was absolutely right in her support of the junior doctors and I fully agree with her comments.

The proposed contract will not improve weekend cover, especially as the NHS is being starved of money.

Senior doctors have offered their full support and a group of consultants, including Dr Jacky Davis, have made a film called 'Sell Off' that can be viewed on YouTube. It explains clearly what they think and is well worth watching.

If we want an NHS for our children in the future then we must all support the junior doctors now.

Irene, address supplied

Tell us what you think - email editorial@champnews.com

Merseyrail trains need guards to prevent anti-social behaviour

I MUST comment on the story about proposals to bring in driver-only services on Merseyrail (Champion, May 4).

It's bad enough having to stand on trains and pay for it at peak times, but being verbally or physically assaulted and paying the fare, that's a bit too much.

On numerous occasions I used to travel to college and the abuse from either drunkards or unruly youth I witnessed was bad enough. But to remove guards off the trains completely is asking for big trouble.

Their presence is invaluable. The major aspect of their being there, is not only to prevent anti-social behaviour inside the train, but also outside.

The public per se can get easily intimidated by bullish behaviour. And I am not talking here about putting feet on upholstered interior.

It usually ends up unchallenged (unless you are asking for a mouthful or a punch). And from a simple budging-up, because of people with bikes and prams travelling at the same time, it can easily escalate into something more serious.

Theoretically speaking, a driver of the train can set it on automatic, but you cannot always rely on it and put peoples' lives at risk.

What if there is an incident that needs driver's full attention - something technical - and he is trying to pacify an unruly passenger?

I think Merseyrail have to start thinking smart not just about saving money and get their priorities right.

M. M, details supplied

Our six and seven-year-olds should be experiencing more social interaction not these unnecessary tests

RECENTLY thousands of parents in the UK kept children off school in protest at the latest tests for six and seven-year-olds.

Some heads gave them active or tacit support.

Adverse critics maintained that parents should be supporting tests designed to raise standards.

They failed to understand that it was the tests' content that parents objected to, as well as the fact that these children are still in the early stages of development with widely differing abilities.

They are assessed continually and this is being done by their teachers who know their individual areas of strength or weakness.

Tests which result in 'pass' or 'fail' are unhelpful and unnecessary.

The two so-called reading tests have an average readability level of between eight and nine years – moreover the children do not read aloud so there is no means of assessing, or more importantly, improving reading strategies, if necessary.

Nicky Morgan and Nick Gibb have totally ignored the children's development stage - a stage when they should be experiencing play activities and social interactions which will enable them to develop mentally, physically and socially.

These activities are even more important now since, for several years, due to the 'allures' of technological advances and changes in family structures, a high proportion of children are starting school with poorly-developed speech, attention and social skills.

Dr Norma Mudd, Burscough

PICTURE of the week

**Pupils at Maghull St Andrew's CE primary school file past a memorial tree and plaque dedicated to much-loved school supervisor Keli Morgan who was tragically killed in a house fire in January.
Picture by Martyn Snape.**

Volunteers wanted for BHF stores

I AM writing to appeal to your readers to give the gift of time and volunteer in their local British Heart Foundation (BHF) shop or Furniture & Electrical Store.

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It takes in the region of 2,700 volunteers to keep our shops running in the North West and we appreciate every minute people can spare.

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**Debbie White,
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Former members sought to help celebrate National Theatre youth group's coming of age

21 YEARS ago teachers and directors began telling the National Theatre that they wanted relevant and challenging new plays for young actors.

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Rufus Norris, Director, National Theatre of Great Britain

Building accommodation would have been a far better option than a sports centre at Edge Hill

RE: the letter from Rosemary Ivory (Champion, May 11) I would just like to comment how I too was harassed by students in the early hours of the morning.

I had to wake my husband at 2am on a Tuesday morning (when we both work full-time) when I heard someone banging on and trying to open our front door.

I have two children and live on Wigan Road and am frankly sick to death of such behaviour.

I wish they had built accommodation rather than a sports centre at Edge Hill.

F. N. by email

Members of the Phoenix Sub Aqua Club pictured on the Gaelic Rose

Divers swap Skem for Scotland in search of shipwreck adventures

MEMBERS of a scuba diving club from West Lancashire enjoyed a six-day trip exploring shipwrecks off the coast of Scotland.

A team of eight divers of different levels of experience from the Phoenix Sub-Aqua Club, based in Skelmersdale, enjoyed a five-night 'live-aboard' trip on the Gaelic Rose exploring a number of shipwrecks on the Sound of Mull.

They also took part in a dive to find scallops to eat on board and moored up at the picturesque seaside town of Tobermoray on the Isle of Mull for scenic hikes - and a few 'lively' trips to the pub!

Dive leader, Peter Eaton, who organised the trip, said: "We had an absolutely brilliant time with some great diving, coastal walks and Mediterranean sunshine! We were treated to some very special Scottish wildlife encounters, including bow-riding dolphins, white sea eagles and all manner of underwater life in glorious colour.

"We also had a lot of laughs coupled with the true sense of adventure and camaraderie that bonds our special friendship as divers."

The club, which has more than 40 members, holds training sessions each Wednesday at Nye Bevan pool for adults and young people aged 14 and upwards and as a non-profit organisation, qualified divers give their time for free to teach trainees.

Trainee divers are taught British Sub Aqua Club qualifications, including up to ocean diver level, which allows divers to reach depths of up to 20 metres, and sports diver level, which allows diving up to 35metre.

If you'd like to try scuba diving, call the club's try-dive co-ordinator Carol on 07766 013 750.

Big Lottery's £10,000 boost for local charity

by Danielle Thompson

A CHARITY which aims to help adults with learning disabilities to gain employment by giving them work experience has been given a five-figure boost.

West Lancs-based Timesavers, which was set up by a group of parents in 2010, has been awarded £10,000 from the Big Lottery Fund.

The money will be used to fund sessional workers, travel and office materials.

Concerned

Charity trustee, Edward McCarthy, said: "We are very grateful to receive further funding from the lottery for the charity, which was set up by a group of parents who were concerned about the lack of paid jobs or work experience placements in administration for people with moderate learning difficulties in West Lancashire.

"Recent government figures show that in England only 6% of people who have a learning disability are in employment which the Minister for the Disabled has said was unacceptable.

"Our charity aims to help those with a learning disability to overcome barriers to their employability by supporting them to gain further skills and work experience in all aspects of office work such as using computers, photocopying, filing and improving their communication skills.

"I hope that any employer reading this article will come to our assistance by providing unpaid office work experience for one of our clients even for just a few hours per week.

"Your help would be very much appreciated. If any local companies can help, then please contact me by email at westlancsedward@btinternet.com"

For more information on the charity visit timesavers.org.uk

Police commissioner's funding fight pledge

CLIVE Grunshaw has said he is "humbled" to begin his second term as Lancashire Police and Crime Commissioner and pledged to continue his fight for fairer funding for the policing in the county.

Following his re-election earlier this month, he said that he will now look to continue the work of the last four years and focus on new pledges to keep Lancashire safe, provide efficient and effective policing in neighbourhoods and specialist areas, protect the most vulnerable and to continue to fight the government on any further cuts to the Lancashire Police budget.

He said: "I am delighted and humbled that the people of Lancashire have again placed their faith in me to ensure Lancashire Constabulary builds on the excellent work it is doing and becomes the best force in the country.

"I believe it is a vote of confidence in my work so far that I have been elected to office to serve a second term."

Mr Grunshaw said he will now set to work consulting residents over a new Police and Crime Plan, which sets out his strategic priorities for the next four years, and strive to continue to improve efficiency in order to deliver more than £16m in savings, needed as a result of government funding cuts.

Challenge

He added: "Emerging issues, such as cybercrime and human trafficking, mean the way Lancashire Police operates will continue to evolve in future.

"That is why I am continuing to invest in the force to ensure we can meet this challenge and I will keep up the fight for fairer funding in Lancashire."

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County police chief cops sports award

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE Constabulary's long-serving chief constable has been awarded the force's Sports Personality of the Year 2015/16.

Steve Finnigan was nominated for the accolade by members of the constabulary's sports club for his years of commitment and contribution to sport, both across the force and beyond.

The 58-year-old has always had a passion for sport and particularly football. As a 14-year-old he played for Blackburn Rovers Club for a year and later represented Great Britain Catholic Schoolboys and Merseyside County under-19s. Then while studying at university he became a Cambridge Blue, playing in two varsity matches.

Steve, who celebrates 40 years as a police officer next month, was also a member of the Merseyside Police football team in his late 20s, and played for Lancashire County FA before going on to represent the English and British Police Football Teams for 10 years (1981-90) winning many tournaments.

A lifelong Everton fan, Steve also played in an England Police v Scotland Police match in 1986 at the club's Goodison Park ground, scoring a goal in a 2-0 victory.

In 1989, Steve captained the British Police team in the European Police Championships, winning the tournament outright and proudly lifting the trophy at Bloomfield Road, Blackpool after beating Italy 1-0 in the final. He was also chosen as the Player of the Tournament.

Although no longer playing, the chief constable has been chairman of the Police Sport UK football section since 2003.

He is also currently chairman of Police Sport UK, which covers 34 different sporting disciplines, and is the senior UK representative on the USPE (Union Sportive des Polices d'Europe) Council.

His other commitments include being president of Lancashire Boys and Girls Clubs and vice-president of Lancashire Outward Bound Association.

Chief constable Steve Finnigan receives his award from the constabulary's director of resources Ian Cosh.

After receiving the award he said: "I have to say it was a total shock. I'd been asking my staff throughout the day for more information about who had won the award, as I like to prepare beforehand, and I now know that they were avoiding me to keep it a surprise!

"I have presented this award to many great sportsmen and women over the years and I am genuinely honoured to have been nominated and to receive it this year.

"Sport is a real passion of mine and I fully believe it is beneficial in terms of community engagement, team building and leadership, as well as the physical and mental health and wellbeing of our officers and staff.

"And, whilst I've hung up my own boots, I am still an avid supporter of all sport across Police Sport UK and to be recognised for that commitment is a real honour."

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County council bid to save £500,000 by installing LED street lighting

by Danielle Thompson

LANCASHIRE County Council is aiming to save more than £500,000 this year by installing LED street lights.

The authority is one year into a three-year scheme to replace old lamps with new low-power LEDs following a successful bid to the Department for Transport's Highway Maintenance Challenge Fund for £14.8m to invest in the new technology.

The county council has contributed £5m matched funding to create an investment pot totalling almost £20m.

Nearly 12,000 new lamps have already been installed, with engineers expecting to replace 63,000 by the end of the programme, leading to energy savings of £2.6m a year at current prices.

The council has also made savings of more than £250,000 on contracts for the new lights as a result of being able to negotiate lower costs on the large volumes being procured.

Councillor John Fillis

County Councillor John Fillis, the county's cabinet member for highways and transport, said: "This huge investment in modernising our street lights will result in savings being made in a number of ways.

"We've already begun to save a lot on energy bills and these will become even lower as we install more LEDs throughout the three-year programme.

"It takes a lot of electricity to light our streets, and using less energy also has environmental benefits, reducing our carbon footprint.

"The renewal of so much of our vital infrastructure means we will benefit from lower maintenance costs – the old sodium lamps need to be replaced every four years whereas LEDs will last for 25 years.

"In addition, the scale of the investment programme means we have got a good deal on the large volumes of new parts."

The scheme has also seen around 900 new street lighting columns being installed so far, with 4,000 due to be replaced in total.

A further aspect of the scheme will result in around 150 charging points being established throughout the county to encourage uptake of electric vehicles, also known as Ultra Low Emission Vehicles (ULEV).

It is proposed that the charging points be delivered during the final year of the programme, and the county council will be working to develop partnerships with public and private organisations to ensure they are located where people and companies using ULEVs will find most useful.

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Chapel demolished to make way for new homes

Hesketh Bank Methodist Chapel, as it was

WORK has started to bulldoze Hesketh Bank Methodist Chapel to create the space for a new church hall and housing.

In March, West Lancashire Borough Council granted planning permission to the Cornell Group to demolish the church buildings on Chapel Road and build eight new affordable homes, six affordable apartments and a new church hall with associated roads and parking.

The building, which is 80 years old, has stood empty for the last eight years.

It was built on the site of an original Primitive Methodist chapel which at the height of its popularity attracted up to 300 people. The regeneration project was welcomed by the congregation, who have used the village hall instead in recent times.

Work is underway on demolishing Hesketh Bank Methodist Chapel

Lionel retires after 50 years in the same job!

A PRACTICE manager has retired after more than 50 years working for a firm in Ormskirk.

Lionel Taylor, 68, who is originally from Ormskirk, now lives in Much Hoole.

The grandfather of one worked as practice manager for Brighouse Wolff, a solicitors, surveyors and estate agents, which has offices in Ormskirk Skelmersdale and Maghull, for 52 years before retiring recently.

Chris Taylor from Brighouse Wolff said: "We would like to congratulate Lionel Taylor and wish him a long, happy and well-deserved retirement after 52 years of working for the firm. His son Chris Taylor has now taken on the role of Practice Manager.

"Lionel trained at college after joining Heald Son & Co (subsequently Heald Wolff) in 1963. He gained a qualification in Accountancy and subsequently, became a Fellow of the Institute of Legal Cashiers which in turn became the Institute of Legal Finance & Management.

"For many years he has been head of the administration and accounts team and when Heald Wolff merged with Brighouse Jones & Co in 1998, Lionel became Practice Manager, the role he has been in ever since.

"Over the years Lionel has dedicated a lot of his spare time involving himself with several charitable organisations including Mawdesley Village Hall and the Scouting Organisation and currently is honorary secretary and archivist for the Friends of Bank Hall in Bretherton.

"He is now looking forward to carrying on his charitable work and is very much looking forward to spending more time with his family and the arrival of his second grandchild."

Open day

THE ORMSKIRK Christadelphians are holding an open day on Saturday, 21 May.

They are inviting the public to come and find out more about who they are and what they do from 10am-4pm at their hall on Moorgate.

Andrew Fenner from the church said: "Christadelphians have been in Ormskirk since 1899, but we moved into our current hall in Moorgate in 1922. Like so many buildings that have been around in the town for a long time, people often walk past and don't even realise it is there.

"So, if most people don't even spot we are there, fewer have actually been in. On Saturday 21 May, we are throwing our doors open to invite people to have a look around."

As well as free tea and coffee there will be displays about charities which they support and the public can see how they baptise people, as well as discovering more about what they believe and how they worship.

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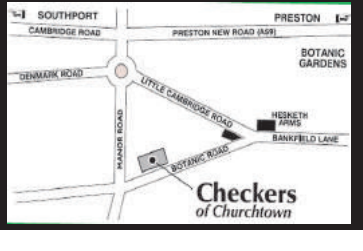

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Cricket club to host Bank Holiday classic car show

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There will be more than 80 classic cars and motorcycles on display, plus musical entertainment, food and refreshments, a bar, and activities for children.

Four classes of car are being shown - pre-1950 vehicles; cars from the 1950s and 60s; cars from the 1970s and 80s; and 'modern marvels' from 1990 onwards.

The event starts at 1pm at Mawdesley Cricket Club's ground on School Lane.

Prizes, donated by local sponsors, will be awarded to the winning entries on the day.

And members of the public attending the show will be able to vote for the winner of the Lancaster Insurance People's Choice Cup for the overall Best in Show choice award.

Entry is £2 for adults and 50p for children and free car parking is available nearby.

For those wishing to enter their classic cars or motorbikes, there are still free places left and entries can be submitted until Thursday, May 26 at mawdesley.play-cricket.com.

Classic cars like this MG will be on display

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I'm back - with my two now not very hairy companions!

I'M glad to say I'm back – well, almost anyway. I'm not quite firing on all cylinders but, hopefully, I'm getting there.

Mind you, as you know, I used to have two hairy companions in the shape of rough collies (Lassie dogs), Tina and Cinders. What came back from the kennels where they stayed while I was in hospital were two dogs which looked rather like demented greyhounds!

Somewhere on their travels while I was in hospital they had picked up some fleas and some drastic shearing was deemed necessary. The vet reckons their hair will grow again – though it will be 10 weeks or so before they might be easily recognised for what they are.

Mind you, the altered appearance doesn't seem in any way to have altered Cinders' appetite or Tina's generally more laid-back attitude either. And both had been well fed, and everything considered, happy, so I'm prepared to wait 10 weeks finally to get my two collies back.

Anyway, talking of eating, I'm going to ignore the usually good advice about not biting the hand that feeds you and have a nibble anyway.

Think of my consternation when I picked up my morning newspaper today to be confronted by the front-page headline 'THOUSANDS OF HEART VICTIMS KILLED BY POOR CARE'.

I should say from the outset that I have no reason to suspect that the treatment I received at Aintree Hospital was anything but the best. But for anyone in the same position as myself, recently released from hospital after suffering a serious heart attack, this must have made very upsetting and worrying reading.

I also have no reason to think that this story was not correct and that standards of treatment in some hospitals does fall short of excellence. But if the paper concerned is really bringing forward a real and present problem, then it should also be prepared to name and shame so that those affected can get something done about it, and those who are not can get on with their recuperation without having another thing to worry about.

I'm no doctor, but I reckon I am correct in thinking that a serious worry like the is just ***not*** what any doctor would have ordered for a patient with heart problems.

Mind you, it's by no means only newspapers that either pass on even create 'scare' stories that have no basis in truth but can do untold damage to innocent people.

A couple of weeks ago the Champion told the sad story of the 'It's the Little Things' day nursery in Maghull, set in the beautiful grounds of the Parkhaven complex. Basically what happened was that an accusation of improper conduct towards a child was made by one member of staff against another, so the nursery was temporarily closed while an investigation took place involving the police and Sefton Council.

The enquiry concluded that no action was necessary. The trouble was that the investigation dragged on for four months and by then the nursery had run out of cash and this beautiful day nursery has been forced to close its doors permanently, throwing all its staff out of work and depriving parents of what had been a place where kiddies enjoyed themselves in safety.

And that's a crying shame. What compensation will the unfortunate owners get? Not a brass farthing. Will they – and the parents affected – get a fulsome apology? Of course not. Only doing our jobs see?

Just such a crying shame they couldn't do their jobs at something quicker than snail's pace!

Had there been truth in the allegation then something needed to be done about it quickly.

And if there wasn't, then equally speed should have been of the essence in order to avoid the outcome that has subsequently resulted.

Council wouldn't accept OAP's cash!

MP calls for review of payment options for bulk household waste service

Report by **Henry James**

ROSIE Cooper has written to West Lancashire Borough Council requesting that they review payment methods for residents without credit or debit cards wanting to use the bulky household waste collection service.

The West Lancs MP is claiming the council only accepts payment by credit or debit card after she was contacted by an elderly resident who was prevented from using the bulky household waste collection service. The constituent wanted to pay the £15 charge by cash or cheque but was not offered the option, according to the MP.

Ms Cooper has written to the council leader on this matter asking for payment options to be considered to ensure residents aren't disadvantaged or prevented from accessing council-provided services.

MP Rosie Cooper

She said: "I know there is a real push for everything to be done online or payments by card, which is fine for a lot of residents.

"However not everyone has a debit or credit card and not everyone has access to the Internet or can use a computer.

"They shouldn't be disregarded or disadvantaged on that basis. For this reason I have written to the council leader to ask him how we can ensure local residents wanting to pay by cash or cheque can do so.

"One of the issues is the previous Conservative administration closed the cash offices."

A spokesman for West Lancs Council said: "The council has no plans to change its current procedures for residents to pay for bulky household waste collections.

"We do not take cash payments, but may accept cheques in exceptional circumstances."

Paul speaks up at the double for charity...

THE chairman of Lathom Park Trust has given two talks on the history of the area to raise money for a West Lancs-based charity.

Paul Kenyon gave the first talk last Thursday (May 12) to the Aspull and Haigh Historical society, followed by a talk to Newburgh Over-60s Club on Friday, May 13 on the life of Lady Margaret Beaufort.

The combined total raised from the two events was £75 which was donated to Skelmersdale-based Resolve International which provides support for the people of Nepal.

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Breathe Easy group enjoy informative forum with consultant

Regular guest Dr McManus returns by popular demand

RESPIRATORY consultant Dr Chris McManus was guest speaker at the latest meeting of the West Lancs and Southport Breathe Easy Group attended by more than 40 members.

A popular and regular visitor to the group, Dr McManus ran the meeting, as usual, as an open forum, allowing discussion and questions as he went along.

Trisha Ireland from the West Lancs and Southport Breathe Easy group said: "This turned out to be a lively and highly interesting meeting, lasting well over an hour."

Dr McManus began by addressing concerns expressed by his audience which have received media coverage, such as the national shortage of hospital doctors, including respiratory consultants.

He also spoke of how financially-driven many aspects of healthcare are becoming, with the likes of both palliative care and home oxygen services in West Lancashire going out to tender.

He also referred to fears that some services are being provided at Primary Care (GP) level to save money, but that the cheapest service may not necessarily be the best for the patient.

Dr McManus was asked about the 'Choose and Book' system, whereby a patient can elect where they are treated and explained that most patients still choose local provision, as otherwise follow-up treatment and appointments can be a big problem.

Having been asked a question about home oxygen provision in West Lancashire, Dr McManus explained that the tariff West Lancs Trust is being paid totals £60,000, but does not cover costs, as there is a large number of patients. And wondered how a private company can therefore provide the same service but more cheaply?

The cost of treatment for respiratory illness remains a real problem. For instance, Xolair Injections were found to be very good, but cost £30,000 per patient annually, so now in West Lancs these cannot be prescribed and patients must be sent to the specialist respiratory centre at Aintree Hospital.

Dr McManus also spoke of the excellent nurses in the Aintree respiratory service, which has been commissioned to help in Sefton.

In response to a question about delays in communication between hospital consultants and GPs or specialists at tertiary centres, Dr McManus explained that the new system of digital dictation may indeed speed things up.

Dr Chris McManus

He then gave an overview detailed explanation of lung cancer diagnosis and lung cancer clinics in the area.

And he told the group about positron emission tomography (PET) scanning),a nuclear medicine functional image technique that is used to observe metabolic processes in the body.

Next meeting of the group will be on Monday, June 20, when the speaker will be Jenny Goulbourne from Chronic Care.

This will be held as usual at the Girl Guide HQ in Green Lane, Ormskirk (next door to the rugby club) starting at 11.15am and finishing around 12.30pm.

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Classic car club stalwart mourned

THERE were mixed emotions at the latest meeting of the West Lancashire MG Owner's Club with members enjoying a good turn-out but also mourning the passing of a club stalwart.

Held on the evening of the hottest day of the year at the Hesketh Arms, Rufford, a total of 17 members put in an appearance with 12 MGs on show - three Midgets, two MGFs, two TFs, two MGB-GTs, one MGA Coupe and one MGTC.

Steve Kirton from the club said: "The lighter nights give us the chance to look at each other's cars, see what modifications have been done and compare them to when they left the factory.

"On a more sombre note, it is with great sadness that we have to announce the passing of one of our club's life members, David Bryant.

"David owned a rare MGA twin-cam that once was originally owned by the Tunnock family (of caramel wafer fame).

"Our sincere condolences go to his wife and daughter for their sad loss. RIP David.

"The club would like to thank the Hesketh Arms for their hospitality and also Jerry for helping to organise the meeting."

To find out more about the club check out their website at www.westlancsmg.co.uk.

Free tea dance date at civic hall

A FREE tea dance is being held at Ormskirk Civic Hall tomorrow (Thursday, May 19).

The event will run from 1 to 4pm and will include vintage hair styling and information from a number of community groups.

One of the organisers, Joe Sherville, said: "We are having a free tea dance which will be open to all. There's no need for a ticket, just come along and join in.

"Visitors can have their hair put up in true vintage style by The Hair Emporium and there will be lots of information available from many organisations including Admiral Nurses, Alzheimer's Society, Age UK, NCompass, Fire and Rescue services, Home Instead, Clear Care, Phoenix Cards, West Lancs CVS, The Sewing Rooms, the Community Mental Health Team, Preston Care & Repair, Merebrook, Abbey Wood Lodge, Power of Music North West, Sophie Bennett Music and Dementia Friends."

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Sanctuary aims to ensure survival of humble hedgehog

Haven for injured creatures relies on donations to keep up the good work

Report by **Henry James**

WHEN people think of endangered species they are most likely to conjure up visions of the likes of giant pandas or tigers, but nearer to home the humble hedgehog is in need of our help.

That's the message from caring staff at the Woodlands Animal Sanctuary in Holmeswood who recently took part in National Hedgehog Awareness Week (May 1 to 7).

At Woodlands they work to help our endangered native hedgehogs 52 weeks of the year. Since setting up their hedgehog care unit just a year ago, the charitable trust, which receives no government support and relies solely on the generosity of benefactors, has already helped more than 1,500 sick or injured hedgehogs with more than 85% being successfully released back into the wild.

Vickie Maude, trustee at Woodlands Animal Sanctuary, said: "This past winter we successfully cared for more than 100 hedgehogs which would not have survived without our help. These animals are now being released back into the wild at sites where food, water and shelter is available to them 365 days of the year to give them the best possible chance of survival.

"It's estimated that there are only around a million native hedgehogs left in the UK and it's essential that help is provided for the species if they are not to become extinct.

"Many of the hedgehogs we receive at Woodlands have been injured. One was brought to us recently by a caring member of the public who had found him tangled in barbed wire which had pierced its skin due to its struggle to free itself.

"Fortunately our vets were able to remove the barbed wire and the little fellow is currently being cared for by staff and volunteers at Woodlands and it's hoped he'll make a full recovery."

Vicky also had some helpful advice for anyone who might come across a hedghog in distress.

She said: "If you find a hedgehog out in the day it will be in trouble and probably suffering from hyperthermia and using the sunlight to warm up. Please place the hedgehog in a warm box with a warm hot water bottle (plastic drinks bottle will do) wrapped in a towel.

"Once you have done this please call the sanctuary for further advice on 01704 823293. Further information and advice on how you can help our loveable spikey friends is available on our website and on our Facebook group Hedgehogs at Woodlands."

Meanwhile the sanctuary is always in need of funds to keep their good work - not only for hedgehogs but for all unwanted and neglected farm animals, small domestic animals and species of native wildlife.

Vicky added: "Our hedgehog unit alone costs more than £20,000 a year to run and we couldn't help this iconic British species without the help of our supporters.

"If you would like to help us continue this important work, you can make a donation through our website www.animalsanctuary.og.uk or by sending a donation to Woodlands Animal Sanctuary, Sandy Lane, Holmeswood, Lancashire L40 1UE."

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Cheers! Champagne celebration for Derek Temple and friends with Karen Lewis of Deli Sabrosa who hosted the event

Deli hosts champagne celebration to mark 50th anniversary of ex-Blues star Derek's 'goalden' day!

EVERTON fans have not had much to cheer about lately after a disappointing season in the Premier League culminated in the sacking of manager Roberto Martinez.

But that didn't stop Blues fans gathering to mark a special anniversary at the Deli Sabrosa in Ormskirk.

Karen Lewis, owner and events organiser at the Railway Road venue, arranged a champagne celebration to mark the 50th anniversary of the club's 1966 FA Cup Final victory over Sheffield Wednesday.

Deli regular, Derek Temple, was the Everton match-winner that day, the winger and once-capped England international firing home the decisive third goal as the Goodison Park outfit fought back from 2-0 down to lift the cup.

And to celebrate the he was invited to enjoy a champagne breakfast at the Deli Sabrosa, along with other Blues fans and fellow former players, Joe Royle and Alan Ainscow,

Glory moment.... Derek Temple fires home Everton's Wembley winner past the despairing dive of Sheffield Wednesday goalkeeper Ron Springett to clinch a 3-2 triumph

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County Quit Squad in stroke warning to borough's smokers

by **Danielle Thompson**

Health chiefs are using Stroke Awareness Month to urge smokers to kick the habit to improve their health

SMOKERS in West Lancashire are being urged to consider their 'significantly increased' risks of heart disease and stroke during Stroke Awareness Month.

The Quit Squad, Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust's Stop Smoking Service, funded by Lancashire County Council, is calling on people who smoke, vape or chew to realise that smokers are up to three times more likely to have a stroke than non-smokers.

The annual Stroke Awareness Month initiative, which runs throughout May, was launched by national charity the Stroke Association to help smokers to kick the habit and look after their cardiovascular health.

Julie Trezise from the Quit Squad said: "Smoking is a major risk factor for cardiovascular disease, including stroke and heart attacks.

"People who have high blood pressure and smoke are at particular risk and are more likely to have a stroke than people who don't smoke.

"Some 100,000 people die each year in the UK from smoking and that's why we're offering support and information to help people stop. You're four times more likely to stop with expert help and advice than alone, all the more reason to work with us.

"We have informal sessions that are tailored for individuals. Smokers have nothing to lose, just give it a try and see how it goes.

"We also have specially-trained advisors who are friendly, approachable and will not judge you. We're here to help and urge everyone to attend and come forward.

"Once you stop smoking, your health can improve immediately and your risk of stroke will be considerably reduced.

"It's never too late to stop. Quitting smoking is the best thing you can do to prevent a stroke."

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High hopes!

Young divers set their sights on national success

A GROUP of talented young high-divers from West Lancashire will be aiming to make a splash in a national competition in July.

Last year, Burscough Diving Club took part in a talent testing programme within the North West in which approximately 6,000 schoolchildren were assessed on their potential to become divers.

The club, which trains at the Nye Bevan pool in Skelmersdale, identified seven children who began the first phase of an 18-month England talent diving pathway programme, known as Talent Identification & Development (TID), in January.

And the seven - Jenna Byrne, Holly Curran, Charlie Hutchinson, Katie Gardner, Melissa Billington and Ryan Ferra - will now compete at the ASA National Skills Diving Championships in July.

The club's head coach, Carlos Ferra, said: "Achieving qualification for the National Skills is a significant achievement for a club of our size. It shows that with talent, hard work and determination, anyone can achieve their goals, even without the facilities and support of an elite club. To deliver success at the National Skills will be challenging, but I believe we can compete with the best."

The club currently has openings for new divers aged between eight and 11 years old. For more information, email diving@bd4f or visit the website at bd4f.co.uk.

Magnificent seven.... the young divers from Burscough Diving Club bidding to make a splash in the national championships

Friendly senior citizens bowling club seeks to sign up new recruits

OFFICIALS of a pensioners bowling club are seeking to recruit new members to join for 'friendly' competitions – and "lots of banter!"

The Ormskirk Park Senior Citizens Bowling Club, which meets on Tuesdays from noon at Coronation Park in the town, is holding a series of free sessions for would-be trundlers to try their hand at the popular pastime with a view to joining the club.

There is an annual membership fee of £10 per person and thereafter weekly sessions cost £2, which includes entry into a raffle.

Club chairman, Mike Brown, said: "We would love more people to come along for a casual, non-committal session to try out the hobby and see if they enjoy it.

"We love taking part in friendly, mixed competitions – but we don't take it too seriously and there's always lots of banter too!

"And we have bowlers whose ages range from their 60s up to their 90s.

"We hold games in mixed pairs and bowlers enjoy four games in all with a different partner each time - fun guaranteed.

"On Wednesdays there is also a men's team who compete in an afternoon league.

"Anyone who is interested is welcome to come along and join us for an afternoon free of charge to help them decide if it is for them or not."

For more information, call Mike or Jenny Brown on 01695 728399.

Lions' Charter Dinner date

THE Up Holland and Tawd Vale Lions Club wil hold their annual Charity Charter Dinner at the Lancashire Manor Hotel in Up Holland on Saturday, May 21 starting at 7pm.

Among the guests attending will be the new Mayor of West Lancashire for the year ahead, due to be elected at the annual council meeting in Ormskirk tonight (Wednesday, May 18).

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County's search for foster carers

OFFICIALS at Lancashire County Council are renewing their appeal for more foster carers to coincide with national Foster Care Fortnight (May 16 to 29), the UK's biggest awareness campaign, delivered by leading charity, The Fostering Network.

Around 20 children in Lancashire each week are in need of foster homes and the county council is seeking to recruit new foster carers to support the growing number of children coming into care.

Councillor Matthew Tomlinson, the authority's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "Homes are particularly needed for teenagers and groups of siblings to give them the love and support they deserve while they can't live with their families.

"We have an excellent package of support to help foster carers in their role, including local support groups, flexible training, a dedicated social worker and out-of-hours support.

"There are a number of events throughout the county over the coming weeks where you can come along, speak to current foster carers and our fostering team and find out more about what's involved.

"Our foster carers come from all walks of life and all kinds of backgrounds and I'd encourage anyone who has thought about fostering to get in touch to find out more."

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County councillor Matthew Tomlinson

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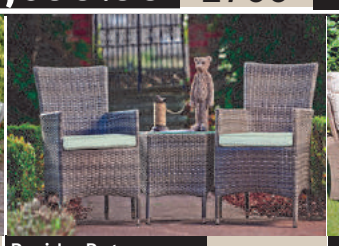

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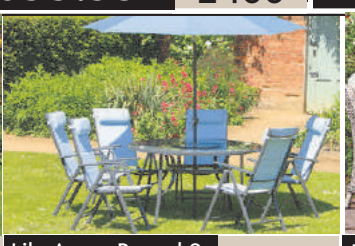

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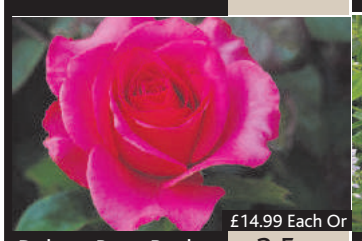

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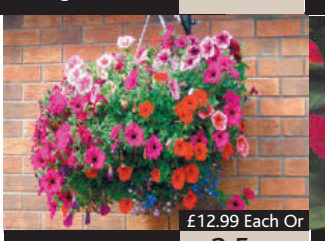

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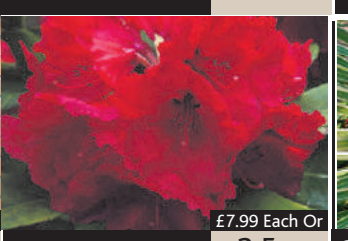

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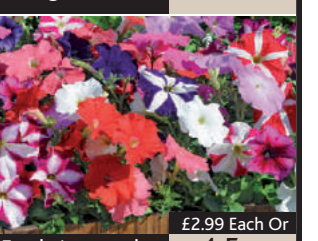

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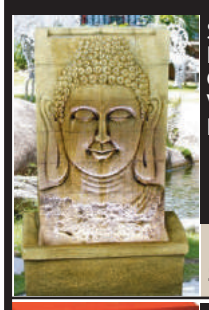

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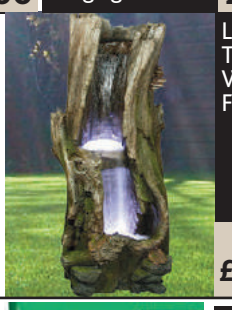

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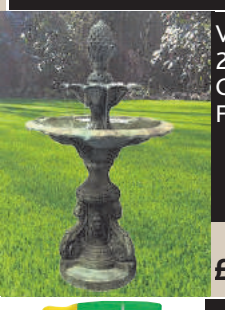

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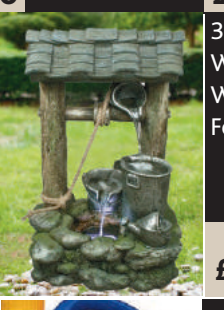

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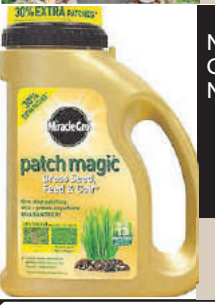

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The new facility at Our Lady and All Saints RC Primary in Parbold is set to open on Friday, June 17.

It will feature an ICT suite with touchscreen technology and there will be an additional group room which will be used as a new home for the breakfast and after-school clubs.

Headteacher, Claire Griffin, said: "The classroom will lead to improved provision for all children in the school. We will also be able to provide smaller group activities and it will provide an excellent pupil-teacher ratio."

Meanwhile, youngsters at the school in Brandreth Drive have been eagerly participating in the Forest School initiative at a site adjacent to the school grounds.

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Claire Griffin added: "All the children look forward to their day in the forest and are always really engaged with their learning, which they bring back with them into the classrooms."

Right: Classroom countdown...some of the Our Lady and All Saints RC Primary pupils are pictured with workmen outside the new classroom at the school

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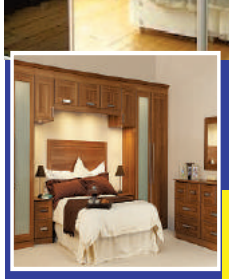

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The title-winning squad with their coaches and mascot

Title win crowns successful season for borough boys

BUDDING soccer stars of the West Lancashire under-15s Schoolboys football team are celebrating a successful season after finishing top in their Lancashire league section and enjoying good runs in the Lancashire Cup and Manchester Cup.

The team, made up of Year 10 pupils at schools in the borough reached the last four of both knockout tournaments.

After an impressive 4-1 defeat of the mighty Manchester district in the quarter-final of the Manchester Cup, the local lads went down 3-1 to Wiiral in the semi-final at Glenburn Sports College, despite a goal by Alex O'Neil.

Meanwhile in the Lancashire Cup, the team just lost out to Rossendale going down by a solitary goal in a seven-goal thriller at the JMO Sports Park in Skelmersdale

Coach and manager, Brian Sweeney, said: "The team had a good, positive season with not one booking or sending-off, which speaks volumes for the lads. They have done extremely well to get to the semi finals of these two competitions."

The 17-strong squad was made up of players from secondary schools within the district, including Up Holland High, Ormskirk School, Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Engineering College, Lathom High and Tarleton High.

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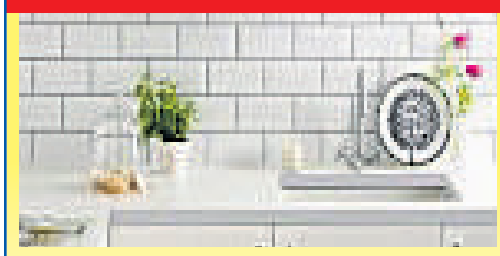

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The winning team with the schools FA Everton Trophy

Trophy triumph first for girls football team

THE West Lancashire Girls District Football team has clinched the Merseyside County Schools FA Everton Trophy for the first time.

The youngsters beat Liverpool 2-1 in the final which was played at Goodison Park.

The final is contested by the districts finishing first and second in the league which takes place throughout the year.

Having finished second behind the strong and previously unbeaten Liverpool outfit, West Lancs went into the game very much as underdogs.

However, in a close-fought game, the local girls started well and were soon rewarded with a well-taken goal by Katie Leadbetter.

The girls continued to work hard, closing down space and being first to the ball all over the pitch, and doubled their lead when Katie Leadbetter calmly side-footed home her second.

However, after the break the Liverpool side pressed to get back into the game and they cut the deficit again with a thunderbolt strike into the top corner to set up a tense finale.

Some staunch defending though ensured the West Lancashire team were able to hang on for the win to be crowned champions on a day they will never forget.

Coaches, Jen Tuffs and Emma Valentine, said: "We are so extremely proud of the girls' achievement. They battled right to the very end and the result was very deserved."

Meanwhile, the West Lancashire boys district team also reached the final of the Luther Mercer Cup, scoring an impressive 7-1 victory over Blackburn in the semi-final. They will now play Preston in the final, date to be confirmed.

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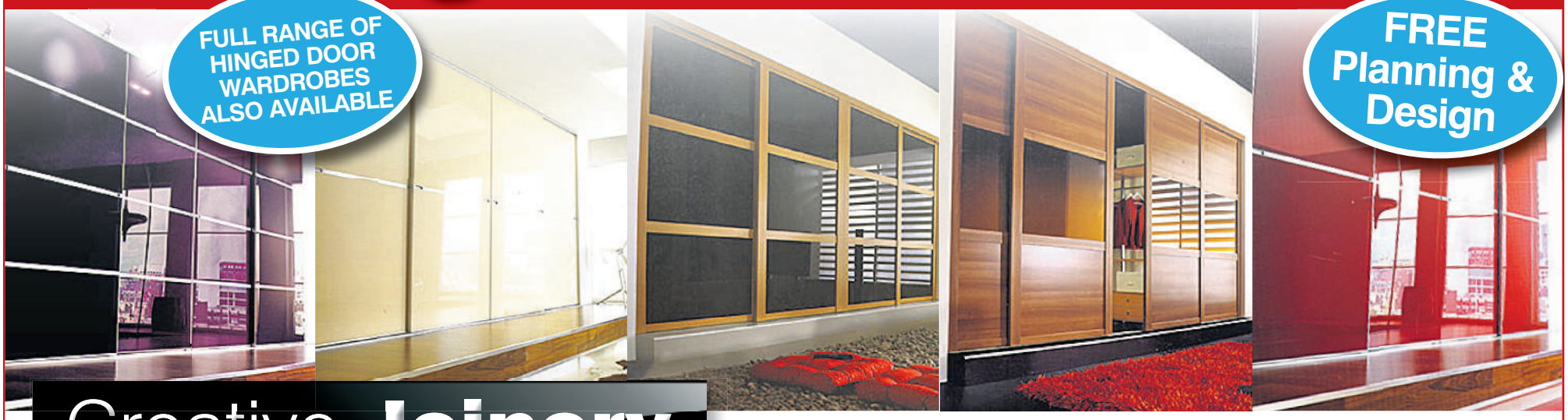

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Primary pupils tackle rugby training and skills challenge

Members of Burscough Village Primary School's Kids Club pictured before their trip to Wigan Warriors

SPORTY pupils at a West Lancs primary school were put through their paces by a team of professional coaches when they enjoyed a trip to the training facility of Super League outfit Wigan Warriors.

The youngsters from Burscough Village Primary's Kids Club spent an hour at the Warriors' training ground taking part in rugby-themed games and skill-based activities led by the club's community coaches before going to the DW Stadium for Wigan's game against Hull FC.

The Kids Club caters for pupils from nursery to Year 6 including community activities, trips to local football clubs, theatre productions and days out to places such as Chester Zoo and Martin Mere.

Headteacher, Gillian Serjeant said: "We are very proud of our Kids Club and pleased children can join in with the fun activities from the age of just three, when accessing our nursery sessions, right up to age 11. They had a great time at their visit to Wigan Warriors."

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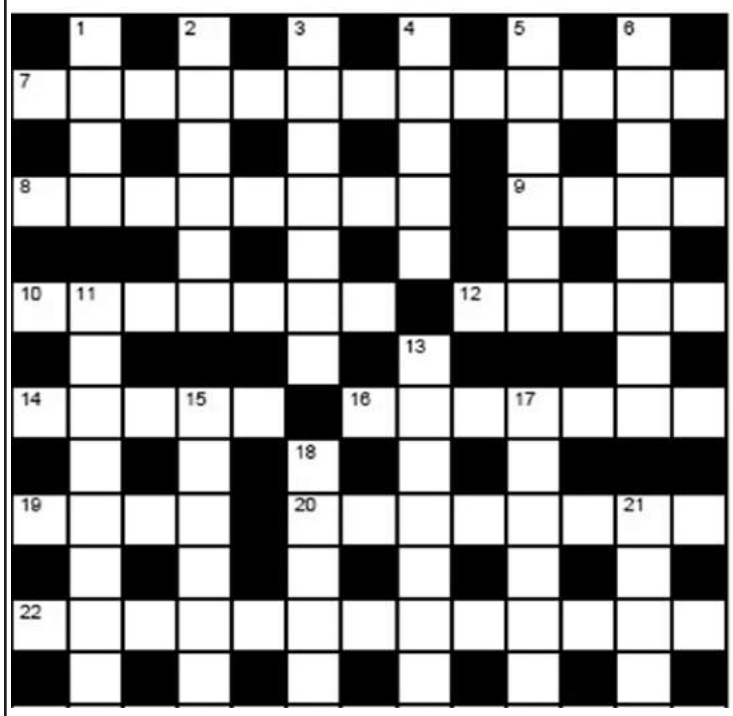

Last week's solutions:

Across: 7 Niamey. 8 Orator. 9 Dual. 10 Biennial. 11 Denizen. 13 Annoy. 15 Feint. 16 Scandal. 18 Stealthy. 19 Easy. 21 Avenge. 22 Inland.

Down: 1 Lieu. 2 Emulsion paint. 3 Bye-byes. 4 Poker. 5 Darning needle. 6 Coca-cola. 12 Elective. 14 Acrylic. 17 Strew. 20 Sink.

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ACROSS

7 With a lack of feeling (4-9)
8 Disease causing inflammation of the nerves and heart failure, ascribed to a deficiency of vitamin B1 (8)
9 Scheme (4)
10 Forbidden by law (7)
12 Swagger (5)
14 Distribute (5)
16 Trip, expedition (7)
19 Speech defect (4)
20 Single lens for correcting defective sight (8)
22 Word that adds functional or grammatical meaning to the clause in which it appears (9,4)

DOWN

1 Solid fuel made by heating coal in the absence of air (4)
2 Think highly of (6)
3 Senior army rank (7)
4 Organ located in the skull that controls the nervous system (5)
5 Vessel with a spout used to pour a popular beverage (6)
6 Feeling of happiness (8)
11 Succulent (8)
13 Part of the body stretching from the elbow to the wrist (7)
15 (Of a bill or debt) Owing (6)
17 Experience again (6)
18 Failure to give a true impression (5)
21 Painful (4)

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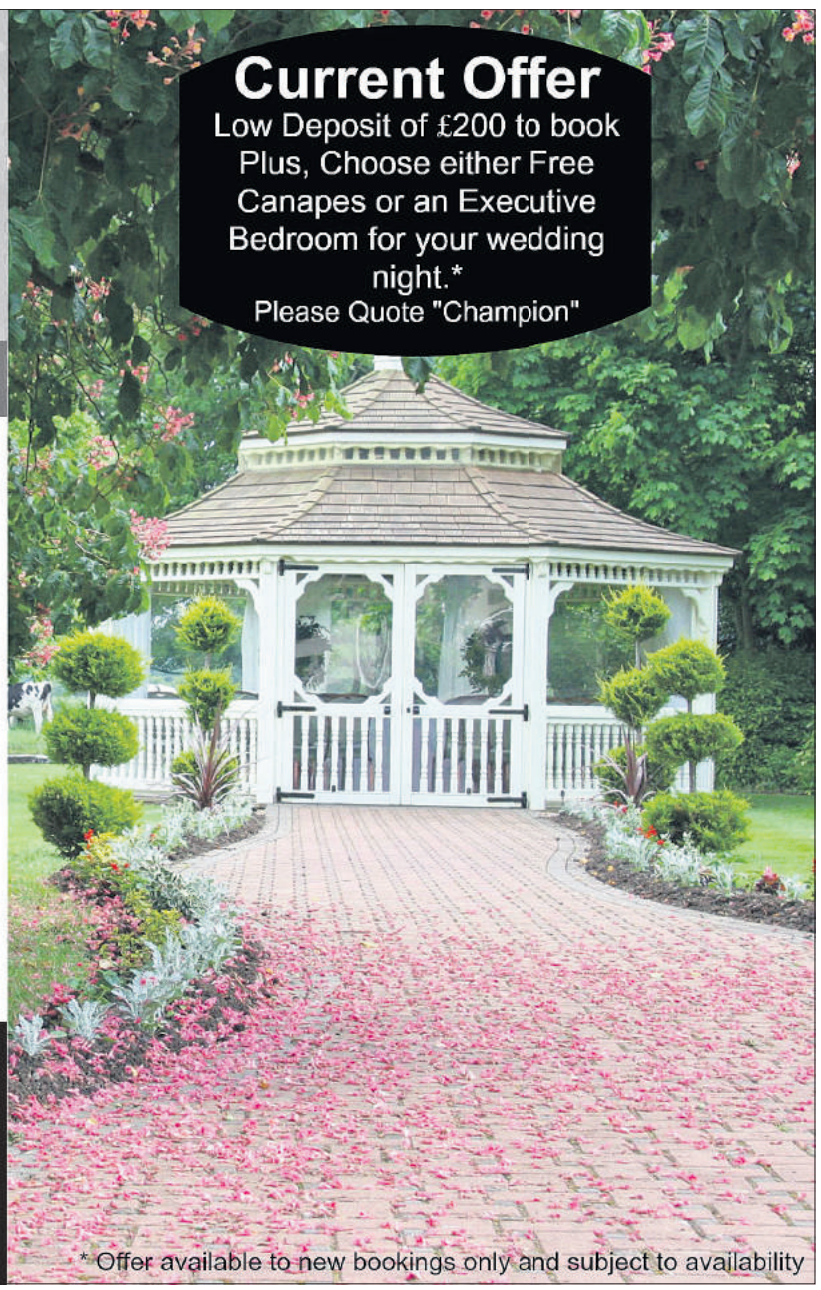
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Gallipoli veteran's war diary is public's choice for display to celebrate archive service milestone

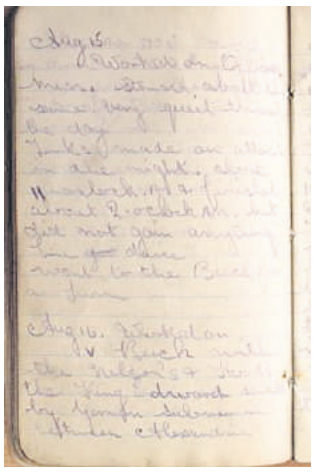
Report by **Henry James**

THE 75th treasure in an exhibition celebrating the 75th anniversary of Lancashire County Council's archive service has been chosen by a public vote.

The war diary of Lancashire soldier, Charles Cecil Atkin, from Gallipoli in 1915 was the popular choice with 66% of the votes received.

Charles served as a sapper with the Divisional Engineers of the Royal Naval Division. His diary records his two-week voyage to the Dardanelles, around Gibraltar, Malta and Alexandria, as well his time fighting in the Gallipoli campaign, including being under shellfire a number of times.

Lancashire County Council's head of libraries, museums, culture and registrar's service, Julie Bell, said: "We are delighted that this item has been chosen. The pockets of the average soldier in the trenches of the First World War couldn't hold many personal effects, and this small diary and purple pencil recorded some extraordinary experiences.



An extract from the war diary of Lancashire soldier, Charles Cecil Atkin

"We learn about some of Charles's personal experiences of fighting in the Gallipoli campaign, including building bridges and blasting trenches. Fortunately he survived Gallipoli and made a further tour of duty in France with the Royal Engineers.

"For us, this diary is especially poignant in that it was left with us during our anniversary open weekend in 2015, which was also exactly 100 years since the first landings at Gallipoli, commemorated now as Anzac Day.

"The local importance and emotional impact of this diary can't be underestimated."

The other shortisted items were an autograph album from the 1940s; watercolours of designs for church furniture at St Mary's Church, Leyland; the only known surviving images from a 1915 silent movie; and the First World War records of a Lancashire gunner.

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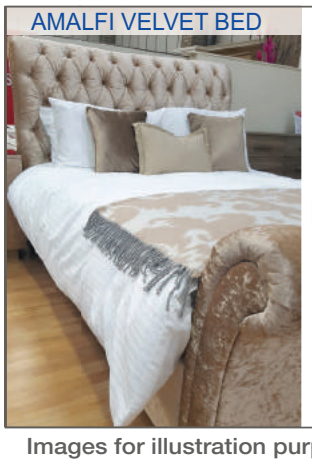

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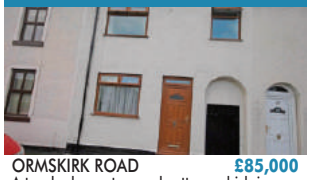

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University signed as a partner for Sound City music festival

Edge Hill will have stage at event

Report by **Henry James**

EDGE Hill University has signed as a partner for Liverpool's Sound City music festival for the next three years in an ongoing effort to develop a platform for aspiring North West musicians.

As part of the deal the University's music arm The Label Recordings, which boasts local success stories Hooton Tennis Club and Oranj Son among their alumni, will have an exclusive stage at the festival to showcase bands from their stable, as well as those from Liverpool and surrounding areas.

Co-founder of The Label Recordings and bassist for Liverpool band The Farm, Carl Hunter said that the partnership provides a unique opportunity for aspiring local bands and students pursuing a career in the industry.

"Partnering with Sound City for the next three years gives North West musicians the chance to be exposed to hundreds of music lovers, broadcasters, and potentially label representatives over the course of a weekend.

"This is an incredible vehicle for undiscovered talent to launch into a crowded market place that they may not have otherwise been able to access.

"At this years' festival we will have eight bands playing across two days including Feral Love and Youth Hostel.

"Edge Hill University students pursuing industry careers such as sound engineering, production, and marketing have also been heavily involved in Sound City 2016, and will be able to network and develop connections across the two days," Carl said.

Dave Pichilingi, CEO of Sound City said: "We are delighted to be working with Edge Hill over the next three years as Sound City Industry Connection Partner.

"From Hooton Tennis Club playing on The Label stage at Sound City 2014 where they were seen by Jeff Barrett and which resulted in the band being signed to Heavenly Recordings, to EdgeFWD dancers performing in the Baltic Warehouse, our partnership continues to go from strength to strength, and we look forward to seeing the excellent artists that will perform and the students who will take part in the festival and conference in creating work and meeting with industry this year and beyond."

In the lead up to Sound City 2016 Feral Love from Liverpool and Youth Hostel from Ormskirk will both release debut singles on May 27 and 12 respectively. These will be accompanied by videos Edge Hill media students have filmed and edited.

Student involvement is central to The Label Recordings, the only industry-focused University's record label in the UK. The Label was recently recognised with a Highly Commended award in the Excellence and Innovation in the Arts category of the prestigious Times Higher Education awards 2015.

One of its first signings, Hooton Tennis Club, have gone on to secure a record deal with Heavenly Recordings.

To find out more about The Label Recording's partnership with Sound City visit https://www.edge-hill.ac.uk/thelabel/homepage/

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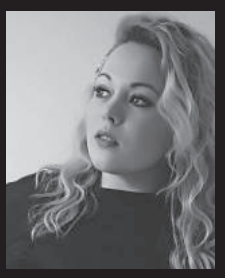

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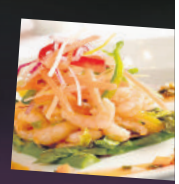

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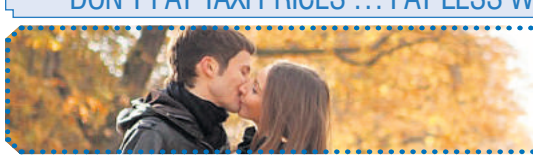

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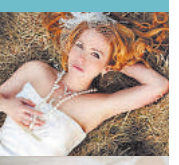

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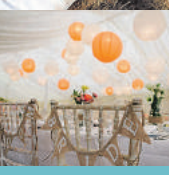

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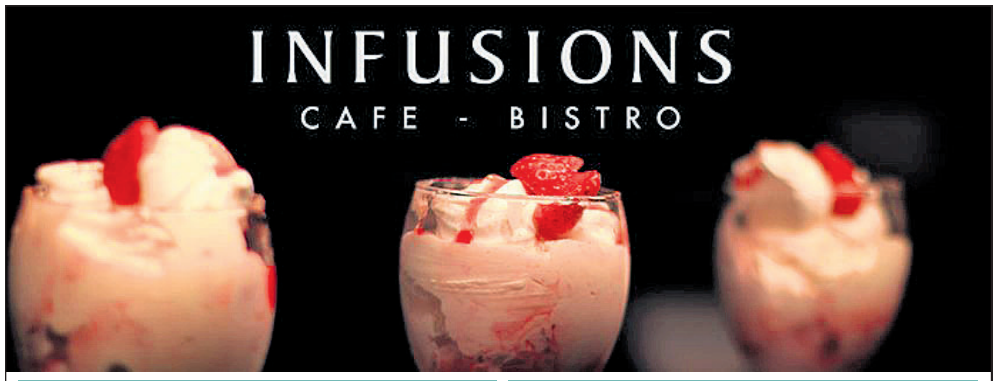

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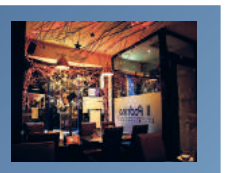

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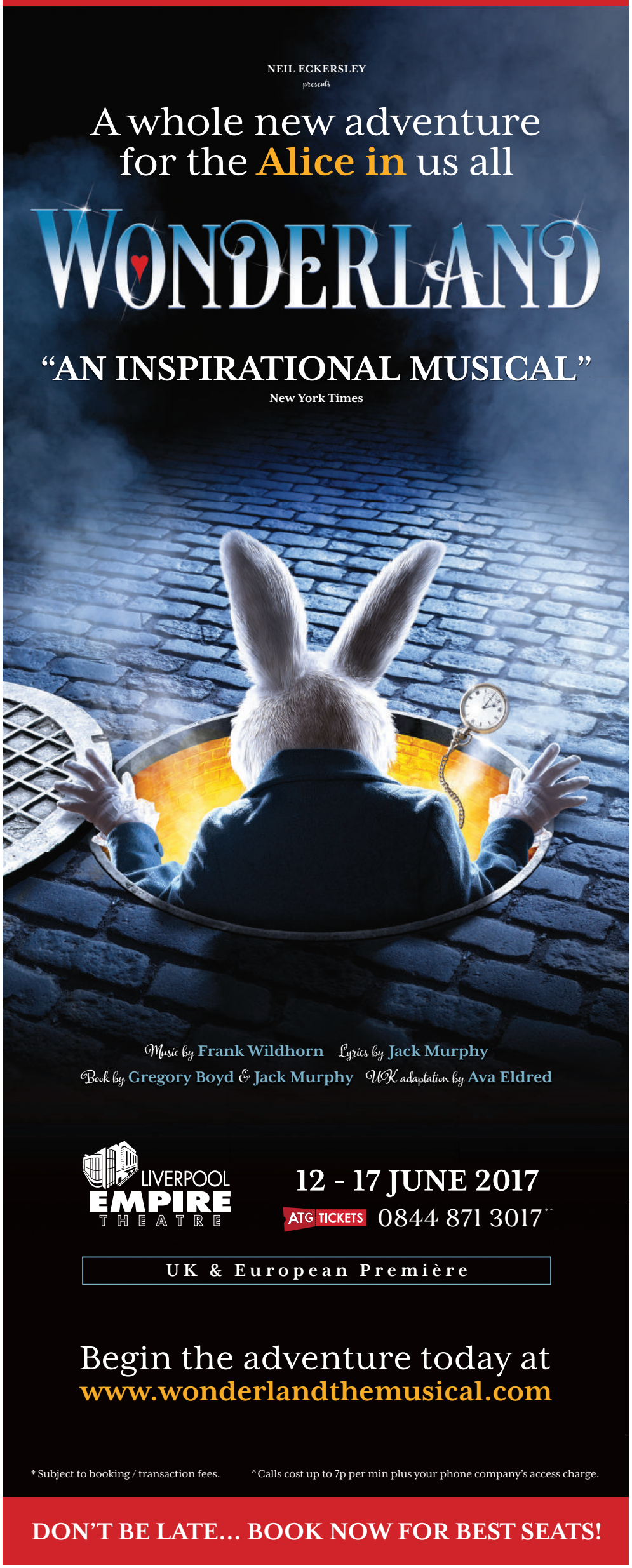
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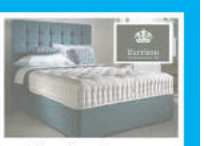

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KNIGHT REG

Irene and family would like to thank relatives,friends and neighbours for their kind messages of sympathy during their recent sad loss. Thanks also to the staff of ward 9A at Southort hospital for the wonderful care shown to Reg. To the doctors and staff at the Elms medical practice for their kindness and unfailing help, and to the district nurses at Hants Lane for their care and support during Reg's ilness.Special thanks to David and staff at Hunters Funeral Directors and to Reverand Ross Moughtin for his kind ministration.

CLARK ALMA LILIAN

Gill would like to thank friends, neighbours and everyone at the Little Theatre, Southport for their expressions of sympathy and support. Sincere thanks for the generous donations received for Cancer Research UK. Thank you to all the staff at Westcliffe Manor Nursing Home and Clatterbridge Hospital for the exceptional care given to Alma. Thank you to Reverend Martin Abrams for the lovely service and to Derek and team at Howard's Funeral Directors for the caring and professional funeral arrangements.

PENNINGTON EDNA (NEE McKEATING)

The family would like to express their sincere thanks to all relatives and friends for the kind words of sympathy and support shown following their sad loss. Thank you for the donations received for Salvation Army. Grateful thanks to Connell Court Methodist Care Home for the loving care given to Edna who lived to a grand age of 101 years! Sincere thanks to Rev. Martin Abrams for the comforting funeral service and to Derek Crawford and everyone at Howard's Funeral Directors for the excellent funeral arrangements.

BIRTHDAY MEMORIAMS

SHEILA DORAN

19th May

Remembering you on your birthday. Happy Birthday 'She'. Missed by all.

Your Bill, Stephen, Jane, Jema and Ella.

xxxxx.

Loved always

RIBBENS PAUL HARRY

19th May

Happy 50th Birthday Paul

We cannot send a birthday card, your hand we cannot touch, but God will take our greetings to the one we love so much. We never need a special day, to bring you to our minds, for days without a thought of you are never hard to find. Birthday wishes we send today, to a star in the sky not far away. Engraved in gold upon a cloud above, just for you Paul with all our love.
From Mum, Dad, Karen, Louis and Sophie.
xxxxx

JOHNSON EDDIE

On your 44th Birthday

15th may

Happy birthday Eddie, its the 1st one without you, miss you so much love from your loving partner Fiona, your children and their partners, your grandchildren, friends and family xxx

BIRTHDAY MEMORIAMS

DORAN SHEILA

19th May

Remembering you as always,
but especially today,
when we should have been celebrating,
your 75th birthday.
From sisters Sylvia, Billy, Angela, Beth and Hallie
xxx

THANKS

PHILIP GOUGH

would like to thank the three ladies and one gentleman who assisted him after falling in County Road on 9th May at lunchtime. Your help was very much appreciated. Philip is now recovering at home

Many thanks.

DEATHS

HIGGINS KATHLEEN

8th May 2016

Passed away peacefully aged 93 years

She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. Much loved Mum of Daughters Eileen, Kathleen and Sandra and Sons in Law Paul, Jimmy and Ken. Loving Nin to all her Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren. Dear Sister of Bob and Sam (dec.), Sister in law Nell and cherished Auntie. The funeral service will take place on Wednesday 25th May 2016 at St Francis Church in Skelmersdale at 11am. Followed by interment at Liverpool. All enquiries to Skelmersdale Funeral Service Ltd, Sandy Lane, Skelmersdale. Telephone 01695 559868.

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DEATHS

LALLY ANN

Beloved Sister

Suddenly at home

5th May 2016

I will always miss my big little sis memories that I hold. The laughs, the chats, the good nights out, many stories to be told.
Your big kind heart is now at rest
God only takes the very best.
Good night and God bless
Your loving broken hearted sister Jennifer xx

LALLY ANN

Beloved Daughter

Suddenly at home

5th May 2016

A Daughter is a beautiful gift
and a very special friend.
Someone you neuter, watch and grow
and hold deeply within your heart.
Never do you ever think
that she will leave you and depart.
God took you from me far to soon
he led you down the path
Chuck keep her safe wrapped in your arms
until we meet again.
All my love your broken hearted Mum xx

LALLY ANN

Beloved Sister

Suddenly at home

5th May 2016

I was there the day that you were born
Side by side we lay
And as we grew together
We would fight and play
When God decided that you should go
It broke my heart like you don't know
In my heart you will always remain
Until the day we meet again.
Broken hearted twin brother Georgie
Collette, Georgia & Charlie xx

DEATHS

LALLY ANN

Suddenly at home

05/05/2016

Words can't explain how much you will be missed Auntie Ann. In life we loved you dearly in death we love you still, in our hearts we hold a place that only you can fill. Xx
Loving niece Kerry, David Ruby and Harrison Xx

LALLY ANN

Suddenly at home

5th May 2016

Good night and God bless
My beautiful sister Ann
Words can not express the way I feel
Until we meet again
Broken hearted sister Joan, Glyn & family xx

LALLY ANN

Suddenly at home

5 May 2016

Will be missed always. Heart Broken
Brother Robert XXX
Nephew Robert,
Niece Emma XXX

LALLY ANN

Suddenly at home

Aged 59.

5th May 2016

To a loving sister Ann, no words can say how i feel today. Gone to soon. Lots of love from your sister Christine and family.

LALLY ANN

Aged 59 years.

5th May 2016

You fell asleep and Angels came, the Lord looked down and called your name. Now heaven has its brightest star and in our thoughts you are never far.
Good night, God bless.
Broken-hearted niece Danielle and Marc xxx

DEATHS

CRITCHLEY PHILIP WILLIAM

10th May 2016
Peacefully at Liverpool Royal Hospital
aged 62 years
of Skelmersdale

The dearly loved son of the late Charles and Evelyn and a loving brother and uncle to all his family. All enquiries to H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk and Scarisbrick. Tel: 01695 722122 01695 720012

PRICE MICHAEL CHARLES

30th April 2016
Aged 74 years

Suddenly passed away. Devoted Husband of the late Beryl, loving Father of Penny and Jonathan, cherished Grandfather and Great Grandfather to all his Grandchildren. Mike will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 20th May at 3:20pm. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Macmillan Cancer Support. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

HOLT ROGER STEVEN

7th May 2016
Aged 76 years

Devoted Husband to Carol, much loved Father of Mark, James, Matthew and Sally, adored Grandpa to Millie, Ewan, Harry, Maria, James and Lucy. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Service at St Philip & St Paul with Wesley Parish Church, Scarisbrick New Road, on Friday 20th May at 1:00pm followed by private family committal. Donations in lieu of flowers are being gratefully received for ZANE. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

DEATHS

HALSALL SHEILA ANNETTE (Nee Okell)

7th May 2016

Peacefully at Westcliffe Manor Nursing Home after a short illness bravely borne, much loved Wife of David Peter and loving Mother of Martin, sadly missed by all family and friends. Service and Committal at Southport Crematorium on Friday 20th May at 10:00am. Family flowers only please but if wished donations to Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

WILSON PETER GEORGE

14th May 2016
Aged 69 years

Much loved partner of Lois. Proud Dad of Chris, Claire and Karen, Father-in-law to Lesley, Paul and Steve, the best Grandad to Chloe, Lucy, Josh, Yasmin, Harris and Summer, fabulous brother of Diane. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends especially Carole. Service at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 26th May at 12.40pm. Donations in lieu of flowers are being gratefully received for Stroke Association. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086

ELLIS DAVID WILLIAM

11th May 2016
Passed away peacefully, aged 84 years

Loving Husband of Muriel, beloved Father of John, Mark, Paul and Anne. Father-in-law of Caroline, Julie and Chris, Grandfather to Michael, Stephen, Matthew, Joseph, Dylan, Holly and Rose. Rest in peace. Family flowers only please but donations if so desired to Derian House, Chorley. Funeral Mass to take place at St Anne's RC Church, Ormskirk on Saturday 21st May 2016 at 12.00 noon followed by burial in Wakefield Cemetery on Monday 23rd May 2016 at 10.00am. All enquiries to Hunters Funeral Directors, 128b Burscough Street, Ormskirk Tel 01695 572997.

DEATHS

DIFONZO RAFFAELE GIUSEPPE (RAFFY)

12th May 2016

At Jospice, Thornton after a long, brave battle with brain cancer, surrounded by his family and best friends.

Beloved Husband of Beryl, adored Father to Alison and Angela and Father-in-law to Andrew and Shaun. Devoted Grandad to Eleanor and Harry. Dearly loved Brother and Friend to many. We will miss him every day.

Funeral to take place at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 25th May 2016 at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations if so desired to Jospice, Thornton.

All enquiries to Hunters Funeral Directors, 128b Burscough Street, Ormskirk. Tel 01695 572997.

GASKELL JAMES WILLIAM FRANCIS (Known as Frank)

Passed away on 29th April 2016.

The memories of special times and happiness we all shared.
His love lives on in all our lives, All though you are no longer there.

Sadly missed by all family and friends. Funeral service to be held on Thursday 19th May at 11.15am followed by cremation at St Helens Crematorium at 12.30.

Family flowers only please. All donations to The Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation.

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PAULINE PILKINGTON M.B.E

18th May

Happy 60th Birthday

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All our love

Brian, Gareth, Deb, Billy, Laura, Matt and Dad.

xxxx

BIRTHDAYS

MATTHEW FORFAR

18th Birthday

22nd May 2016

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(DICCONSONS LANE, HALSALL, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Dicconsons Lane, Halsall from its junction with Halsall Lane to its junction with Rosemary Lane, in the Borough of West Lancashire.
2. The prohibition will be operative daily between 0930 hours and 1530 hours from Monday 6th June 2016 until Tuesday 7th June 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Rosemary Lane – Plex Lane – Small Lane South – Halsall Lane – Dicconsons Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to provide a safe environment for the completion of surface dressing works.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager,
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/2253/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(DEANS LANE, NEWBURGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle, Cycle or Pedestrian to proceed over that length of Deans Lane, from 20 metres either side of the level crossing.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 2330 hours on Tuesday 7th June 2016 until 0600 hours on Wednesday 8th June 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: Deans Lane – Back Lane – Hollowford Lane – Hoscar Moss Road and Vice Versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Level Crossing Works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager,
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/2274/WH]

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PUBLIC NOTICES

THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO. 17 (PART) AND A NON DEFINITIVE ROUTE TO WHICH THE PUBLIC HAVE ACCESS, SIMONSWOOD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which is to prohibit temporarily any traffic from proceeding over that length of Public Footpath 17 and a non-definitive route to which the public have access in Simonswood, Borough of West Lancashire, indicated below:-

Part of FP17 Simonswood, West Lancashire commencing from its junction with Outlet Lane and FP18 Simonswood, West Lancashire at Point A (GR SD 4169 0257) and running in a generally north westerly direction for a distance of approximately 20 metres to Point B (GR SD 4168 0259) off Outlet Lane, Simonswood, West Lancashire.

A short section of a non-definitive route to which the public have access in Simonswood West Lancashire commencing from its junction with Outlet Lane, Simonswood, West Lancashire at Point C (GR SD 4155 0244) and running in a generally north westerly direction for a distance of approximately 20 metres to Point D (GR SD 4153 0245).

The closure is necessary due to works proposed to be and being executed on or near the routes, said works being the laying of a new pipeline.

Access for pedestrians to any premises situated on or adjacent to the routes, or to any other premises accessible for pedestrians from, and only from, the routes, will be maintained at all times.

Nothing in the order shall apply to emergency service vehicles.

The Order will be operative from the 23 May, 2016, for a period of 6 months or until the works are completed within this period.

IAN YOUNG, Director of Governance, Finance & Public Services, Christ Church Precinct, County Hall, PRESTON PR1 8XJ

NOT PART OF THE STATUTORY NOTICE

The plan on site shows the route to be closed as A-B & C-D. Lancashire County Council is informed that there is no alternative route available. Please contact the Rights of Way Team on 01772 533722 if necessary.

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(MEADOW LANE, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Meadow Lane, from 20 metres either side of the level crossing.
2. The prohibition will be operative daily between 2330 hours and 0600 hours from Monday 6th June 2016 until Tuesday 7th June 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: Bleak Lane- Wood Lane - Wanes Blades Road - Hoscar Moss Road and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Level Crossing Works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager,
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701
[Ref: HRiT/2257/WH]

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2016/0357/FUL Dairy cow cubicle building at Ayrefield Farm, Bank Brow, Roby Mill, Up Holland.

Application No: 2016/0493/FUL Construction of new dwelling following the removal of an existing storage unit at Lower Park Farm, Hall Lane, Lathom.

The proposed development affects a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 applies.

Application No: 2016/0497/OUT Outline - Construction of seven dwellings following the demolition of the existing commercial premises, including the creation of a new highway access following the demolition of an existing dwelling (including details of access, layout and scale) at Hughes Mushroom Farm, Course Lane, Newburgh.

This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.

Application No: 2016/0505/FUL Proposed industrial storage facility. Proposed landscape modifications along with external lighting at Land To The North Of 2, Priorswood Place, East Pimbo, Up Holland.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2016/0304/LBC Listed Building Consent - Removal of existing damaged timber gutters and replacement with seamless aluminium guttering on rise and fall metal brackets and downspouts at Acland Bracewell And Co, Bank Bridge Warehouse, Bank Bridge, Tarleton.

Application No: 2016/0440/FUL Replacement upvc windows at 78A New Street, Halsall.

Application No: 2016/0443/FUL Planning permission for demolition of existing general storage barn, erection of detached single dwellinghouse with integral open-fronted garage, associated landscaping and external works including installation of domestic biological sewage treatment plant at Barn To South Of, New Hall Farm, New Hall Drive, Scarisbrick.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development

In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Dated: 18th May 2016
Director of Development and Regeneration PDNOT898

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(ORRELL LANE, BURSCOUGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Orrell Lane, Burscough from its junction with Victoria Street for 30 metres west.
2. The prohibition will be operative for one day only on Friday 03rd June 2016 between 0930 hours and 1530 hours or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: Orrell Lane – Victoria Street and Vice Versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Utility works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager,Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/2324/WH]

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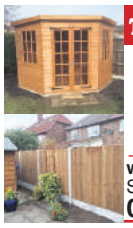

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Top Gear v Grand Tour isn't going to happen, despite all of the hype

AFTER what feels like an eternity one of the biggest battles in motoring is about to get underway. Or at least that's what the tabloids want you to think.

In the ginger – sorry, red – corner there's the new series of Top Gear. Chris Evans has stuck to his vow to resuscitate it post-fracas by the end of May 2016 – but only just, because the new series finally hits our screens on 29 May. Their contender in the increasingly grey-haired corner is the old Top Gear trio, only with a reportedly much bigger budget and a cyberspace colossus backing them.

The script every other newspaper report, motoring website and Facebook commenter want you to read is that Chris' capers will crash and burn to either horrifically low ratings or the entire team falling out and vowing never to work with each other again by the end of the first series. In the meantime Clarkson's new show will roll up, convert every TV viewer into an internet evangelist and that'll be the end of the car show I grew up with.

All of which is utter nonsense, of course.

CarFest is proof enough that Chris Evans really is a petrolhead

Top Gear vs (the rather oddly named) Grand Tour just isn't going to happen, and I haven't heard a single car nut tell me they're going to watch one over the other. They'll watch Chris Evans and Jeremy Clarkson, mainly because one's on a TV show starting next week and the other's fronting an online collection of films which is unlikely to start until much later in the year. I can't be the only one wanting both to succeed, because it means for the first time we've got two big budget motoring shows to sit back and enjoy.

Both are fronted by blokes with charisma and a genuine, heartfelt passion for classic cars - if you've ever been to one of Chris' CarFest shows and watched him wandering around gawping at the supercars, you'll know he's still one of 'us' no matter how much he admits to being overpaid by. Jeremy, Richard and James (who incidentally are publicly rooting for Top Gear's success) are meanwhile free to do even more of the big, spectacular car adventures they did so well before someone threw a plate of cold meat in the works. I'm keeping an open mind on both, and so should everyone else.

The only thing we're missing now is a third way for people who want an intelligent, no-nonsense car show with proper reviews about things you might actually buy. Come on Channel 4, bring back Driven…

New mini is inspired by its own beginning

A NEW MINI taking its inspiration from the car that started it all back in 1959 is being unveiled at next week's Goodwood Festival of Speed.

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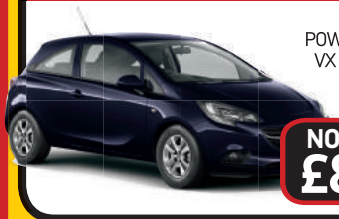

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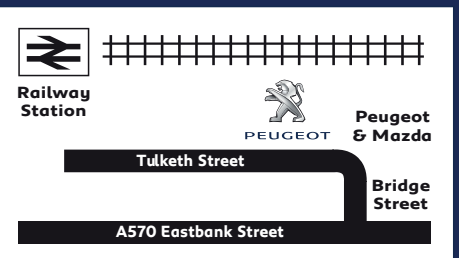

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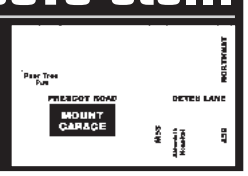

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Burscough lead table after draw

IN the First Division, Burscough remain top of the table after a draw at Prestatyn, skipper Brendan Domigan scored a century (103 inc 12x4 & 1x6), with Alan Murray (26) and Rob Glaysher (26*) helping Burscough to declare on 240-7, with Sampath Perera taking 4-46.

In reply, Gareth Boughey fell one short of his century as the hosts ended on 203-8 with Navdeep Aujla taking 3-32.

Fleetwood Hesketh climbed up into the top four with a 59 run home win over local rivals Southport & Birkdale, Neil Rimmer (30) and a late flurry from Danny Murphy (20*) were highlights of a below par total of 137, with S&B skipper Chris Firth claiming 6-59. In reply an inspired spell of quick bowling from Aaron Halsall ripped out the heart of S&B, his 5-11 figures were made even better with a superb hat trick (Hine, Edwards and Skelton) as the visitors were dismissed for just 78, with last man Tom Butler unbeaten on 24.

Maghull moved up the table with a 2 wicket win at Sefton Park, the hosts batted first and thanks to James Baird (68) managed to put 144 up on the board, with Jack Wrigglesworth 4-5 and Liam Johnson taking the bowling honours. In reply Muhammad Ul Haq (51*) and Jon Ring (43) guided Maghull to victory on 145-8.

Ainsdale remain at the footed the table after a 6 wicket home defeat by Wigan, Connor Windell (42) and Mark Lucas (28) top scored for the hosts as they were bowled out for 178. In reply a John Richardson century helped guide Wigan to victoryon 182-4.

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Ormskirk go top after win at Lytham

THE Liverpool & District Cricket Competition league tables are beginning to shape up with one of our local clubs top of the premier division, one top of the first, one bottom of the first and one bottom of the second.

In the Premier Division, Ormskirk went to the top of the table with an 18 run win at Lytham, the visitors were in trouble early on 44-6 and were eventually bowled out for 121 with Gavin Griffiths 31 and Nick Caunce 28* the only batsmen to prosper, whilst Toby Lester took the bowling honours with 4-18. In reply, an inspired bowling spell from Griffiths 4-28 and Scott Lees 4-15 helped bowl out the hosts for 103.

Northern had a 12 run with at Wallasey, where Davy Smith (49), Liam Grey (40) and Ryan Maddock (28) helped the visitors to declare on 194-8. In reply, Mykal Graham (51) and Martin Williams (44) made the visitors fight all the way before Tom Sephton 5-78 and Stephen Cole 3-26 bowled out the hosts for 182.

Formby drew at home against Bootle, where an Elliot Ketteringham century (131 inc 19x4 & 3x6), 38 from Tim le Breton and an unbeaten 35* from Gary Keedy helped the hosts to declare on 250-8, with Chris Stenhouse taking 3-48. In reply, the visitors hung on for a draw with one wicket remaining, thanks to a stubborn unbeaten 26* from Chris Liptrot, meaning 4-42 from Stephen Parry and 3-63 from Keedy were in vain as Bootle finished on 164-9.

In the Second Division, Southport Trinity moved up to mid table with a 63 run home win over Caldy, Tony Campbell (41) top scored for the hosts as they were dismissed for 122, with Chris Edwards claiming 4-19. In reply Shaun O'Neill 5-32 and Mike Finch 4-18 made sure Caldy got nowhere near their target as they were dismissed for just 60.

Hightown St Mary's were beaten by 83 runs at home by Skelmersdale, the visitors made 211 thanks in the main to runs from Luke Manly (45), Tom Newark (35) and Martyn Brierley, with Jan Gadzina 4-66 and Paul Jones taking the bulk of the wickets. In reply, a Matty White half century and 26 from Stephen Leyland wasn't enough, as Matt Fenney 3-15 and Sam Callow 3-33 bowled the visitors to victory.

This weekend's local LDCC fixtures (1pm): New Brighton v Formby, Northern v Rainford, Ormskirk v Leigh, Burscough v Fleetwood Hesketh, Maghull v Ainsdale, Southport & Birkdale v Sefton Park, Old Xaverians v Hightown St Mary's and Spring View v Southport Trinity.

Fearon and Almond pick up their awards. Picture by Jacksons Images

Popular duo scoop awards at the double at United presentation evening

THE four trophies available to Skelmersdale United players on the annual awards evening were shared evenly by two players, Martin Fearon and Chris Almond.

Goalkeeper Martin, who appeared in every league game, made some crucial saves and was arguably the anchor point of the whole team.

He was voted Supporters Player of the Year and Manager's Player of the Year.

Chris rejoined the club in late August from Chorley after being sold to Southport four years previously.

He was top goalscorer and duly received the trophy that goes with that achievement.

He was also voted player of the year by his team mates and received the Player's Player of the Year trophy, the Nick Rudd Trophy.

Both were popular winners with the supporters present on the night.

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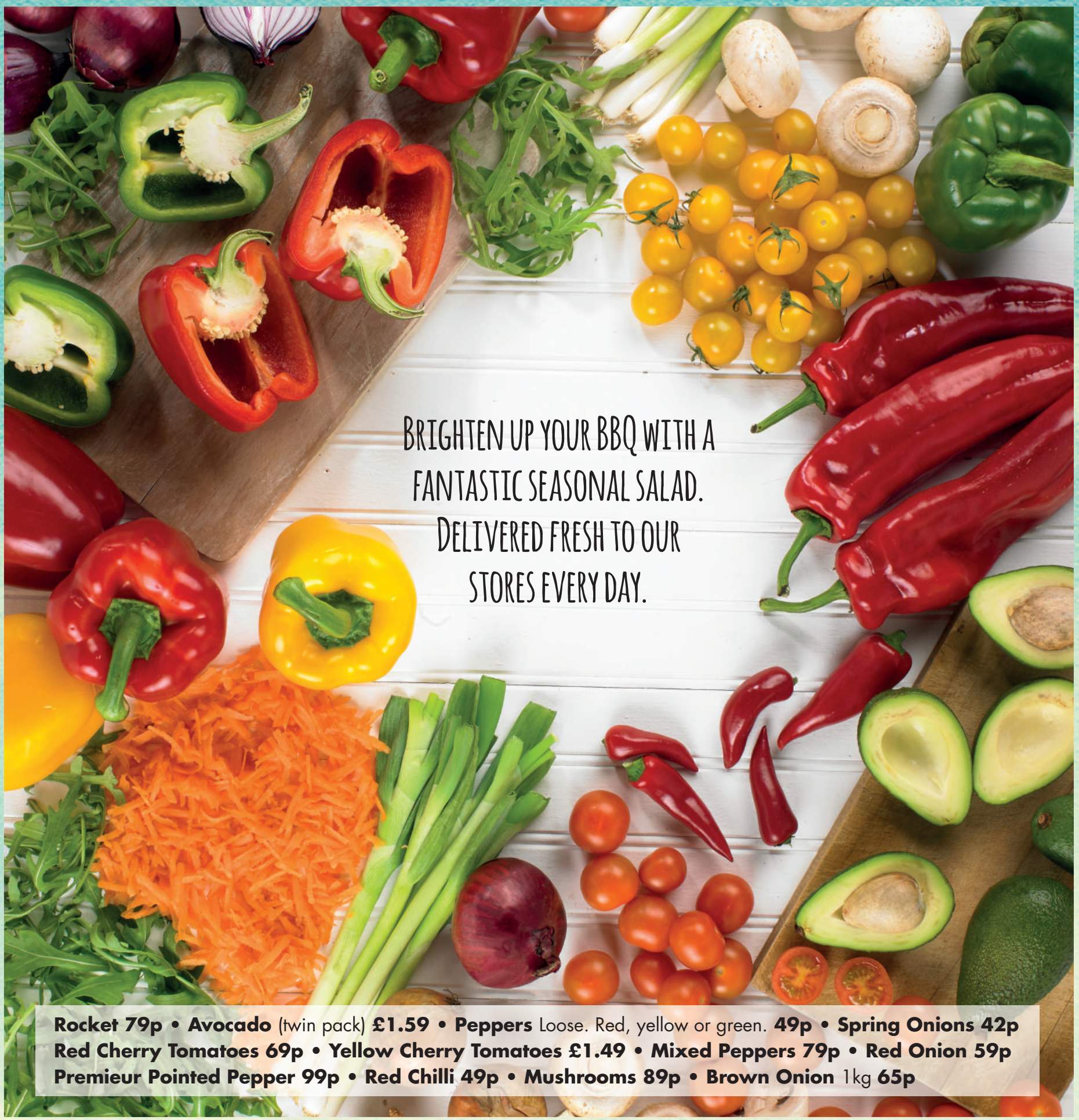

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